



This is a digital copy of a book that was preserved for generations on library shelves before it was carefully scanned by Google as part of a project to make the world's books discoverable online.

It has survived long enough for the copyright to expire and the book to enter the public domain. A public domain book is one that was never subject to copyright or whose legal copyright term has expired. Whether a book is in the public domain may vary country to country. Public domain books are our gateways to the past, representing a wealth of history, culture and knowledge that's often difficult to discover.

Marks, notations and other marginalia present in the original volume will appear in this file - a reminder of this book's long journey from the publisher to a library and finally to you.

### Usage guidelines

Google is proud to partner with libraries to digitize public domain materials and make them widely accessible. Public domain books belong to the public and we are merely their custodians. Nevertheless, this work is expensive, so in order to keep providing this resource, we have taken steps to prevent abuse by commercial parties, including placing technical restrictions on automated querying.

We also ask that you:

- + *Make non-commercial use of the files* We designed Google Book Search for use by individuals, and we request that you use these files for personal, non-commercial purposes.
- + *Refrain from automated querying* Do not send automated queries of any sort to Google's system: If you are conducting research on machine translation, optical character recognition or other areas where access to a large amount of text is helpful, please contact us. We encourage the use of public domain materials for these purposes and may be able to help.
- + *Maintain attribution* The Google "watermark" you see on each file is essential for informing people about this project and helping them find additional materials through Google Book Search. Please do not remove it.
- + *Keep it legal* Whatever your use, remember that you are responsible for ensuring that what you are doing is legal. Do not assume that just because we believe a book is in the public domain for users in the United States, that the work is also in the public domain for users in other countries. Whether a book is still in copyright varies from country to country, and we can't offer guidance on whether any specific use of any specific book is allowed. Please do not assume that a book's appearance in Google Book Search means it can be used in any manner anywhere in the world. Copyright infringement liability can be quite severe.

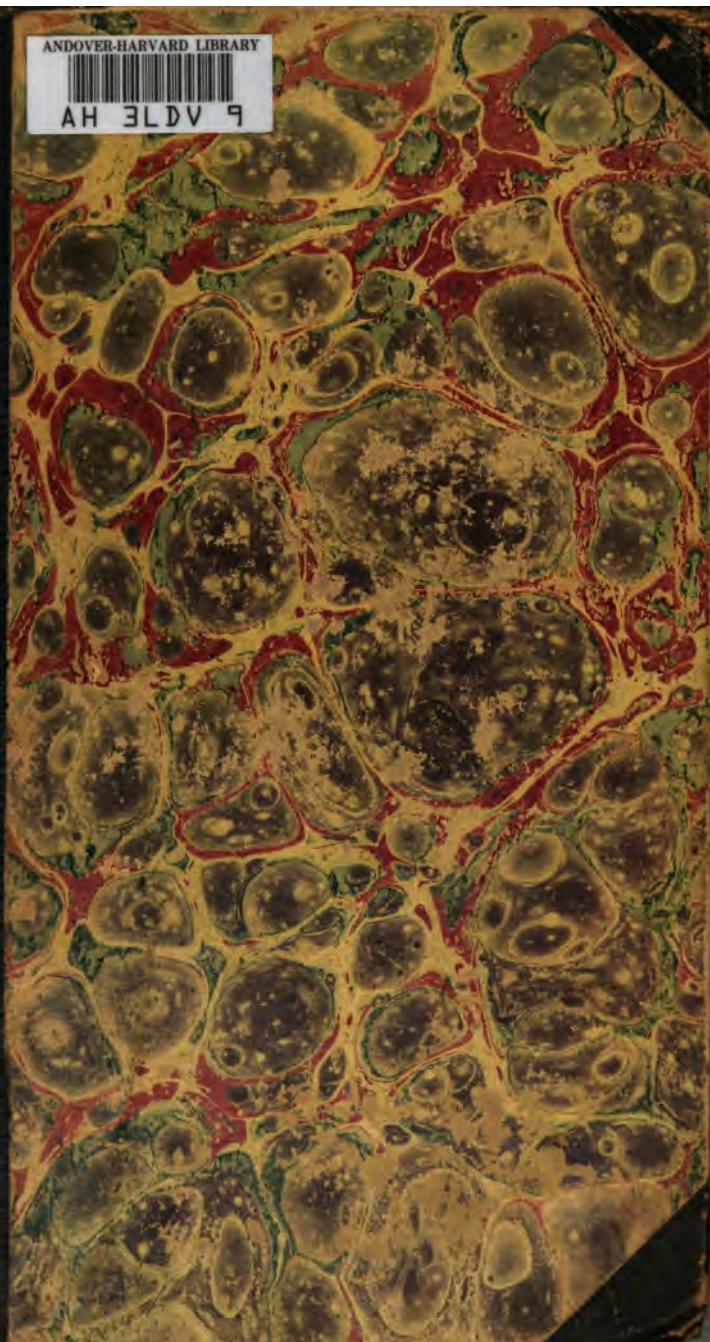
### About Google Book Search

Google's mission is to organize the world's information and to make it universally accessible and useful. Google Book Search helps readers discover the world's books while helping authors and publishers reach new audiences. You can search through the full text of this book on the web at <http://books.google.com/>

ANDOVER-HARVARD LIBRARY



AH 3LDV 9



230. 172

17

771. Am In mag.

יהוה





17

1886

See Aug.

1180

1180

THE  
AMERICAN  
**TRACT MAGAZINE,**

FOR THE YEAR 1833.

---

VOL. VIII.

---



---

NEW-YORK:  
PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

---

D. Fanshaw, Printer.

1833.





# INDEX.

	Page.		Page.
Action and reaction,	55	<i>Auxiliaries—</i>	
Addresses of		Winchester, Va.,	92
Rev. Dr. Lansing,	39	St. Louis Branch 6th Anniver-	
Rev. Mr. Cutler,	40	sary and Report,	92
Rev. Mr. Patton,	40	Cleveland, O. Fem.	92
Rev. J. W. Chickering,	63	Baltimore Branch	97
Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen,	64, 151	Baptist General Tract Society,	34
Rev. John S. Stone,	40	Bavaria,	20
Rev. H. G. Ludlow,	47	Berlin Tract Society,	20
Rev. S. H. Cono,	67	Bible in Chinese,	127
Rev. Mr. Babcock,	105	Biographical Sketches of Clergymen,	103
Rev. Mr. Sutton,	105	<i>Bound Volumes—</i>	
Rev. Dr. McAuley,	138	To the Society's Agents,	8
Mr. M. Allen,	42, 130	Sale of	46, 117
Rev. O. Eastman,	138	Standard Evangelical,	121
Agents,	18, 74	Keith on Prophecy,	158
Alexandria, D. C. Fem. Aux.	53	Doddridge's Rise and Progress,	158
<i>American Tract Society—</i>		Blessings on,	158
Receipts, 8, 92, 34, 47, 58, 82,		Burmah,	27, 53, 113, 154
94, 104, 106, 118, 130, 142,	161	Ceylon,	25
Circular—Objects now before		Chinese Bible,	127
the Society,	13	Empire,	28
Do. Standard Evangelical Vol-		Printing,	153
umes,	121	Sleeve Gem,	98
Do. to Evangelical Ministers of		Cincinnati, O. Special Tract Meeting,	33
the Gospel throughout the		Do. Anniversaries,	160
United States,	145	Cleveland, Ohio, Aux.	92
Recent Publications, 22, 34,		Concert, Tract Distributors,	146
46, 56, 93, 104, 117, 128, 141,	161	Conviction and Conversion Illustrated,	128
Closing of the Society's Year,	47	Cumberland Presb. Church,	101
8th Anniversary and Report,	61	Doctrinal Tracts,	157
Executive Committee,	70	<i>Donations, Interesting,</i>	
New Publications,	70	From an Old Soldier,	56
Amount Printed and Circulated,	72	Baltimore Branch,	97
Gratuitous Distribution,	72	Prattsburg, N. Y.,	55
Receipts and Expenditures,	73	<i>Foreign Operations—</i>	15, 85, 157
Branches and Auxiliaries,	73	Germany,	20
Christian Effort accompanying		Chinese Empire,	28
Tract Distribution,	73	Chinese Printing, Cheapness of	153
Society's Agents,	13, 18, 14	Emperor of China Sending for	
Foreign Field,	75	Tracts,	154
Divine Blessing on Publications		Foreign Appropriations, 75, 85, 97	
and Labors,	79	Do. Interest in	33
Special Meeting of Gentlemen		Baptist Mission at Orissa,	176
in behalf of the Tract Cause,	133	Bombay,	78, 98
<i>American Tract Society, Boston—</i>		\$100, for Russia,	159
19th Anniversary and Report, 90,	105	Syria,	98
<i>Auxiliaries—</i>		Call for Burmah Renewed,	113
Troy, N. Y.,	21	Society of Calw,	155
Hartford, Conn.,	31	Hamburg and Germany,	51, 115
Charlotte, N. C.,	22	Burmah, Letter from Dr. Bollen,	154
Knoxville, Tenn.,	22	Why Burman wished Tract	
Providence, R. I.,	23	buried with him,	135
Utica Branch,	24	France, Tracts and Books for	165
Philadelphia Young Men's Society,	54	Foster, David, Death of	89
Do. City Tract Society,	159	Glasgow Religious Tract Society,	52, 156
Alexandria, D. C. Fem.,	55	Greece, Scripture Tracts for	28, 126
St. Louis City Tract Society,	55	Hamburg Tract Society,	51, 115, 116
		Judges and Registers of Probate, to	56

17

~~42~~

71. Am Jn mag

יהוה



[illegible]

# INDEX.

	Page.	Premium Tracts—	Page.
Karen, Conversion of	105	On Monthly Concert,	105
Letters from		Renewal of \$250,	127
J. H. N. Felt,	20	On Supplying the World with	
Rev. C. G. Barth,	20	the Bible,	142
Rev. Miron Winslow, Ceylon,	25	Union of Effort among Chris-	
Mr. Bennett,	27	tians,	142
Rev. Mr. Temple, Malta,	28	For Soldiers,	142
Rev. Richard Kuill, Russia,	43	Providence, R. I. Aux.	53
Rev. J. G. Oncken, Germany,	51	Russia,	43, 159
Mr. David Nasmyth, Glasgow,	52	St. Louis Tract Society,	55, 92
Rev. Dr. Bolles, Sec. Bap.		Siam,	28
Board F. M.	53, 154	Simultaneous Discourses, 2d Sab-	
Rev. Dr. Alexander,	71, 135, 139	bath in January,	145
Rev. Messrs. Goodell & Dwight,	77	Syria—Arabic Tracts,	96
Rev. Dr. Morrison, China,	87	Systematic Distribution Abroad,	150
Rev. Elijah C. Bridgman, Canton,	98	To Judge and Registers of Probate,	56
Rev. Mr. Stone, Bombay,	98	Tract Distributors' Concert of Prayer,	146
Rev. George B. Whiting, Syria,	98	Do. Do. Card of Instructions,	153
Mr. Henri Lutteroth, Paris,	100	Tract for New Settlements,	33
Rev. O. Eastman,	102	For Persons engaged on Canals,	
Rev. Mr. Wale,	113	&c.,	56
Rev. J. J. Robertson,	126	Tracts—	
London Religious Tract Society—		Approved in Foreign Languages,	157
34th Anniversary,	111	Doctrinal,	110, 157
Marquesian Preacher,	19	Payment for, for Southern and	
Monthly Distribution—		Western States,	130
Appeal to Pastors and Members		Tracts, Usefulness of—	
of Evangelical Churches	15, 145	A Tract Buried,	20
Blessed to a Missionary,	149	In the Drunkard's Pocket,	20
Card of Instruction to Tract		Passing through the hand of a	
Distributors,	152	Distiller,	20
Testimony of a Laborer,	8	"Swearer's Prayer," and	
In Great Britain,	52, 156	Great Question Answered,	27
In Providence, R. I.,	53	Striking Anecdote,	29
In Salem, Mass.,	91	Blessed Change wrought in a	
In New-York City,	127	Family,	29
Tract Distributors' Concert		"Francis Newport,"	30
of Prayer,	146	Persuasive to Early Piety,	30
Worthy of Imitation by Clergy-		Blessed to a Drunkard and	
men,	89	Gambler,	30
A Tract District in New-York		Before a Protracted Meeting,	45
City,	147	"Dairyman's Daughter" Criticized,	45
Efficiency of Two Wards in		African Servant,	50
New-York City,	149	Used by a Clergyman whose	
Monthly Distributor,	89	Voice had failed,	50
Mott, Jacob C., Labors of	130	Presented by a Lawyer,	51
Mountain Miller,	157	New-York City Tract Society,	79
New Publications Wanted,	56, 88	Useful in the Conversion of a	
New-York City Tract Society, An-		Clergyman,	80
niversary,	37	Do. to the Translator,	80
Orissa, Baptist Mission at	156	"Swearer's Prayer,"	80
Paris Rel. Tract Society,	100	In Madagascar,	111
Do. Do. Anniversary,	112	Consequences of Burning,	111
Patoc, Thomas Hamitah	19	To Messenger for Procuring	
Payment for Tracts—Southern and		Novels,	111
Western States,	130	Tract and Patagonian Missionary,	117
Philadelphia Young Men's Tract		Two Great Home Objects,	117
Society,	54, 159	Utica Branch,	84
Poetry—By Mrs. Sigourney,	42	Volumes, see Bound.	
The Burmese Tract,	91	Who will Write for a Million to Read ?	30
Premium Tracts—		Winchester, Va. Aux.,	22
On War,	57	Wirtzburg,	20
Award of \$500,	81	Yonge, William, Death of	42
On the Responsibilities of Min-			
isters of the Gospel,	104		

# THE AMERICAN Tract Magazine.

---

VOL. VIII.

JANUARY, 1833.

NO. 1.

---

TO THE  
PASTORS AND MEMBERS  
OF  
EVANGELICAL CHURCHES.

THE undersigned, in obedience to the call of a respectable meeting of clergymen and laymen, held in the city of New-York December 10, take the liberty of addressing you in behalf of that portion of our population who may be benefited by *Christian effort, in connexion with the Systematic Monthly Tract Distribution.*

The brevity of this document does not permit us, even were it practicable, to show with statistical accuracy what portion of the inhabitants of our country are deprived, or deprive themselves, of the stated means of grace. It has been estimated at from four to five millions, or from one third to one half of our entire population. That it is alarmingly great is best known to those who have the best means of information; that, including the ceaseless tide of emigration, the ratio of its increase is greater than of all evangelical exertions, is generally agreed; that it is such as to claim the compassion, and the united and noblest efforts of the followers of Christ, can be questioned by none.

We rejoice in the privilege of laboring, as in our power, for the raising up, and establishment, every where, of the commissioned Ministry; for placing the Bible in every family, and bringing all the young under the delightful influence of the Sabbath school; but there is manifestly required a super-added means, whereby the truths of the Gospel shall be brought more *directly into contact* with multitudes of minds, and reiterated and urged upon their attention by the living

christian. There are few faithful ministers who do not feel that the claims of their own congregations, and of the churches, upon them, are all they can adequately sustain, or who do not recognise the necessity that private Christians should go out and labor to bring those who are far from God under the sound of the Gospel. The value of the Bible is increased just in proportion as those who have it can be induced to search its sacred contents. The Sabbath school finds its most efficient coadjutors in those christians who explore the adjacent neighborhoods, bring in the children who have been overlooked, and exert a religious influence upon their parents. The Gospel message on the pages of a Tract, so like the form in which the sacred oracles were originally given, derives equal aid on its errand from being commended to the attention by christian kindness; nor is there one of all the departments of benevolence whose efficiency may not be almost indefinitely increased by the same instrumentality.

Such Christian labors are now drawn forth extensively in connection with the systematic Monthly Tract Distribution; and such are the results already witnessed, and so important the bearings for the extension of the cause of the Redeemer, that we feel that every effort should be made to bring it before the churches in its true light, and secure to it the wisest possible direction and the utmost efficiency.

The plan is founded on the great principle recognized in our Lord's instructions to the seventy, that the Gospel is to be **TENDERED TO ALL**, *while with each individual rests the responsibility of receiving or rejecting it.* It contemplates dividing our population into districts of from twenty to thirty or forty families each—excluding none, that none may be overlooked, and that no invidious distinctions may be made—and so far as christians, whether male or female, can be found qualified for the service, and with a heart to engage, assigning to each a district adapted to their own character and qualifications. Each christian thus engaged has a definite field of labor, to which he owes peculiar obligations, and in which he has solemn and responsible duties to perform. He is furnished with the monthly Tract, to be presented prayerfully and affectionately, where he ascertains it will be kindly received, not only as itself the messenger of truth, but as an introduction to all other endeavors for the highest temporal and eternal good of the people which he may have the heart and the ability to bestow. He may induce many to the reading of the Scriptures, to an attendance on public worship, and on Sabbath, Infant, and other schools; he may make known the Savior to those who are far from him, and where he finds

the Spirit of God going before him, and with him, may give exercise to all those outgoings of the heart for the undying soul which God is accustomed to bless in its salvation.

How favorable such opportunities are for winning souls to Christ, is best known to those who have most frequently enjoyed and best improved them. Were every minister and every Christian *a personal actor in these labors*, there would be no need of argument to show their importance. Ministers would commend the duty to the officers and members of the churches, as "their helpers in Christ Jesus," and Christians would vie with each other in the heavenly contest for the privilege of thus laboring to "turn many to righteousness," that they might shine above "the brightness of the firmament," even "as the stars for ever and ever."

*That Christians of maturity and growth in piety, should consecrate themselves to this duty, is the grand point to be secured.* It is a duty that demands, not only love to the souls of men, but the exercise of sound discretion, and that wisdom that cometh from above, in adapting efforts to all the variety of character that may be met. Some will be found decidedly hostile to the Gospel, whom, unless their prejudices can be kindly disarmed, the distributor can scarcely hope to benefit. Others there may be, who, though willing to hear the Gospel from a favorite preacher, expect little good to be derived to themselves from kindred truths, perhaps still more ably and forcibly presented on the pages of a Tract, or from the conversation of a humble christian; who yet, if properly approached, will be gratified that such means should be enjoyed by their children or domestics. Others will be found so ignorant that the Tract must be read to them by the distributor, and the simplest truths of the Gospel explained and urged upon their attention. Others will be found ready to give both the Tract and the distributor a cordial reception, and to hear whatever may be communicated concerning the way of salvation; and some, if he is faithful, may be expected to give earnest heed to his entreaties, request him to pray for them and with them, and, under the blessing of the Holy Spirit, surrender their hearts to the Redeemer. To all these various classes, the distributor, making known distinctly the benevolent character of his mission, and exemplifying the spirit of that Savior whose messages he proffers, may hope, at least in some degree, to be rendered useful; but it is from the latter class that the most precious fruits are reaped. With such he should continue his endeavors, and renew them from day to day as they may seem to be useful, till impressions are made which he may hope will *never* be effaced. To the decidedly



Christian families in his district he will look for sympathy and encouragement in his work ; for aid in prayer meetings, should he establish them ; in fitting destitute children for the Sabbath school, and furthering in every other way his benevolent designs.

In speaking of the usefulness of this department of benevolence, we are sustained by results already witnessed, of the most cheering character. At the meeting in which the duty of preparing this document was assigned us, it was stated by the respected President of the Board of the New-York City Tract Society, that so animating were the facts monthly communicated, it rendered their stated meetings scarcely less interesting than a public anniversary. There have been reported to that Board more than 200 conversions, resulting apparently from this system of effort ; besides 3,596 families found destitute of the Bible, and 2,345 children gathered into Sabbath and Infant schools. The facts communicated at the meeting by gentlemen personally engaged in this work, were sufficient to convince the most sceptical, and rouse the most inert. One Superintendent stated, among other facts, that a woman residing in a chamber, who had never conversed with a minister, on hearing the Distributer's voice below, called to her to come and talk to her about her soul, and she has since found peace in believing. "None," said he, "gain so near a place in the affections and confidence of the people as the Tract Distributer." Another tendered thanks to all who had contributed to this object, for the privilege of laboring. If the most capable christians, said he, but knew the blessedness of this work, they could not consent to sit still and leave it to others. A few months since he saw an aged female admitted to the church, of whom the pastor said to the congregation that she had lived threescore and ten years in sin before she was found by the Tract Distributer, whose labors were blessed in bringing her to the Savior. Another gentleman narrated, in detail, the results of his labors during the present year in seven houses, containing twenty families, in a poor alley, some of whom, at one season, he visited daily for religious conversation, prayer and praise. Eight of them had since publicly professed Christ, and three were now in eternity ; but the deportment and conversation of one, while on the bed of death, were blessed in awakening his physician, who has also united with the church.

Such results as these have been chiefly realized where the Distributers have made *particular individuals the special objects of their prayers and their renewed and persevering labors*. And were qualified Distributers thus engaged throughout all our

population, in districts no larger than they can faithfully occupy, and should one soul out of every twenty families be brought to repentance through their endeavors within one year, the result would be the accession in the city of New-York alone, of 1800 souls to the number of Christ's followers, and in our country more than 100,000.

We shrink from the idea of contrasting with such labors and such glorious results the heartless round by which a professed Christian may proceed from door to door, leaving a Tract at each, like a newspaper's boy, and ignorant alike of the moral wants and wishes of the inhabitants, and whether the Tract he deposits on their premises is valued or destroyed. True, it is scattering seed at random, which may spring up and bear fruit, but the prospect, compared with that in the efforts just described, is almost indefinitely small. It is manifestly of the utmost importance that no distributor's district be larger than he can thoroughly occupy; and whether regard be had to the expense, or the ultimate influence of this work, it is believed the principle is worthy of strict and universal adoption, to present "*no Tract except where such conversation shall have been had with some member of the family, as to afford satisfactory evidence that it will be kindly received and read.*"

As so much depends upon the spirit and fidelity of distributors, we cannot with sufficient earnestness recommend their frequently meeting for prayer and mutual aid and encouragement; and we are glad to notice that in many places the *last Monday evening* in every month is set apart as the *Tract distributor's Concert of Prayer*.

We derive irresistible arguments for this system of effort from the unquestioned facts, that God has devolved upon his churches the solemn obligation to convey his Gospel to all—that the members, as well as the ministers of the churches, are bound to share in the holy enterprise—that, though God blesses his truth on the printed page as well as from the mouth of the living preacher, yet it is far more likely to be brought into contact with the mind when urged upon the attention by Christian kindness and persuasion—that without the performance of this duty by private christians, the Gospel, unless great and unlooked for accessions are made to the Ministry, cannot be carried to our entire population—that God has blessed this system of effort wherever faithfully performed, no less to the laborers themselves than those for whom they have labored—and, to crown all, that where his Holy Spirit is largely poured upon christians it almost universally inclines and sweetly constrains them to enter with

ardor, and zeal, and love on this very class of labors. Ministers do not then forget to incite their people to labor for the impenitent around them, or to pray, in private and in public, that God will give them success. The members of the church best qualified do not then refer this duty to others. Those who love Zion do not then make their pecuniary contributions an excuse for omitting personal exertions. The duty and the blessedness of laboring to pluck sinners as brands from the burning is then seen and felt; and a consciousness that the heart is not prepared for the service, but drives the Christian to the throne of grace, whence he proceeds to duty, and there renews his strength.

We appeal, then, to the *Pastors of the churches* to weigh well the importance and bearings of this system of effort; spread it before their people; with them commend it to God in their prayers; call forth the efforts of those who are qualified for the service, and aid them by their counsel and co-operation.

We appeal to those who have made *advances in the Christian life*, and who are in some degree qualified for this service, themselves to engage in it, and as God has had mercy upon them, to labor for the salvation of others.

We appeal to *all the followers of Christ* to aid those engaged in this work, by assembling with them, when they meet to recount God's dealings, and pray for his blessing; by accompanying them, as may be desired, to the abode of the anxious sinner, or of the new-born soul; by cheering and encouraging them when permitted to receive them under their own roof, and improving their visits for the spiritual benefit of themselves, their children, or domestics; to do what in them lies, to have the work efficiently and wisely conducted, and to sustain it by their contributions.

We appeal to those of our fellow citizens to whom God has imparted *wealth, and standing, and influence* in this great and free community, in which the laws by which they and their children shall be governed are enacted by the popular voice, to countenance and aid these benevolent endeavors to diffuse every where the light of the Gospel, and promote that only sound morality which it inculcates. We have no sectarian design. Every Tract we circulate has received the approbation of the committee of the American Tract Society, consisting of members of five religious denominations, and is supposed to commend itself to all Evangelical Christians.

We appeal to the ablest *writers of our country*, oppressed as many of them are with other labors, to prepare those short, attractive, and instructive Tracts, which are adapted for general circulation, and which will add new interest to this system of effort, and occasion more glorious results.

We appeal to the *Female followers of the Redeemer*—last at the cross and first at the sepulchre—who owe to the Gospel the respect and kindness every where awarded them, and their easy access to the heart on errands of Christian benevolence, for their co-operation in this work, and their influence to be exerted in its behalf.

We appeal to *every christian, who may be engaged as a Distributer*, to consider the responsibility and delicacy of this service—to go to it, not as a task but a delightful privilege, in dependence on God, and with prayer and strong confidence in him, expecting the conversion of souls, and persevering in all proper means for their salvation—to adapt his efforts to the character of those among whom he labors, considering that they are responsible to God only for the reception or rejection of the messages he proffers—to have the law of kindness written on his heart and on his lips, avoiding all controversy, and “giving no offence in any thing,” that the Gospel “be not blamed”—to remember that the Tracts committed to him are purchased by the sacred funds of the benevolent, and may not be bestowed except where he has evidence that they will be kindly received and read—to continue his labors within the same district, that he may be as a friend and not a stranger—to take with him a christian companion where it shall be found practicable and desirable—to attend the meetings where information may be gained, and his heart be warmed and encouraged—and with an eye single to the glory of Christ in the salvation of souls, act for the judgment day, and for eternity.

We appeal to *all who desire the coming and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ*, for their countenance, their pecuniary and personal co-operation, and that they will unite in our prayers to God, that he will save his churches from the guilt of neglecting the souls perishing in our own land, and hasten the day when “they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for they shall all know him from the least unto the greatest; and God shall forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.”

ZECHARIAH LEWIS,  
S. V. S. WILDER,  
JOHN STEARNS,  
ARTHUR TAPPAN,  
MOSES ALLEN,  
TIMOTHY R. GREEN,  
MARINUS WILLETT,  
WILLIAM A. HALLOCK,  
GORHAM D. ABBOTT,

} Committee.

## TESTIMONY OF A LABORER.

A powerful effort must be made, says Rev. Warren Day, Agent for the Western Counties of New-York, to *rouse christians to renew their efforts* in connection with the monthly Tract Distribution. Its novelty, and the impulse given it by the report of the first movements in it in New-York, are nearly over. The decided friends of Zion must *lift at the wheels*, or the work will languish. Most of the congregations have now some experience in it; and although glorious results are already witnessed; yet, because *all are not converted* by God's blessing on this effort, some feel like relaxing their exertions.

What shall we do? This work *must* go on. It *will* go on. It cannot be that the churches will give up so valuable an Auxiliary. Christians must consider that the conversion of the world is not to be effected in a moment. There must be "precept upon precept," and "line upon line; here a little and there a little."

If all the *Ministers* would acquaint themselves with the bearings of this subject, and then preach upon it to their people, great good would be done; and none would feel it more palpably than they themselves, in its reviving influence upon their churches.

## TO THE SOCIETY'S AGENTS.

At a meeting of the Committee of the American Tract Society, New-York, November 23, 1832, it was

"*Resolved*, That, in view of the great good which may be accomplished by furnishing families throughout the country with the Society's bound volumes of Tracts, and occasional volumes, on sale at the Society's prices; all the Society's Agents be instructed to make efforts to effect this object as far as possible within their respective fields."

☐ See Resolutions at a Tract Meeting in New-York, Revival Tracts, and Letter from Professor Stuart, on cover.

## RECEIPTS

## INTO THE TREASURY OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

*During the month ending December 15, 1832.*

FROM AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETIES.		For Tr.	Don.
VERMONT.—Milton, E. Wellington, Treasurer,			4 17
Shoreham, Levi O. Birchard, Agent,			10 25
Do. Female, Miss Hand, Treasurer,			10 00
MASSACHUSETTS.—Williamstown, Seymour Whitman, Tr.	14 93		
RHODE-ISLAND.—Bristol, Female, Hannah Church, Secretary,	28 00		
CONN.—Brooklyn, (Windham Co. Aux.) E. Newbury, Agent,	5 21		
Darien, Charles Whitney, Treasurer,	1 71		
Hartford, (Conn. Branch,) Charles Hosmer, Secretary,	31 78		
Lyme, Charles Griswold, Secretary,	5 00		
New-Haven, J. L. Cross, Agent,	21 00		
Do. Female, Mrs. Henrietta F. Whitney, Treasurer,	60 00		

	For Tr.	Don.
New-London, R. Colt, Treasurer, . . . . .	14 40	
North Greenwich, Rev. Mr. Wilcox, Treasurer, . . . . .	2 64	
Norwich, Female, Sarah Backus, Secretary, . . . . .	9 50	
Southbury, Rev. T. Shipman, Agent, . . . . .	5 00	
West Greenwich, Solomon Mead, Secretary, . . . . .	3 89	
NEW-YORK—Amsterdam, Montgomery county, . . . . .	54	
Auburn, C. B. Hotchkiss, Agent, . . . . .	24 73	
Bedford, Female, Mrs. Susan S. Nichols, Treasurer, . . . . .	8 60	
Bloomington, Sullivan county, Cornelius Wood, Treasurer, . . . . .	20 60	
Brooklyn, L. I. Joseph Howard, Treasurer, . . . . .	20 00	
Cambridge, C. V. K. Woodworth, Treasurer, . . . . .	5 00	
Catskill, Edgar B. Day, Treasurer, . . . . .	9 60	
Centreville, George F. Phillips, Treasurer, . . . . .	53	
Dashville Falls, Female, Mrs. Jane Ann Butler, Secretary, . . . . .	2 82	
Delhi, Herman D. Gould, Agent, . . . . .	3 39	93
Do. Female, Miss Sarah Leal, Treasurer, . . . . .	4 00	
Flatbush, Ulster county, Solomon Hendricks, Secretary, . . . . .	6 66	3 32
Flat Lands, Long-Island, . . . . .	2 93	
Gallatin, Rev. Herman Vedder, Agent, . . . . .	5 00	
Genoa, Female, Miss Betsey Chase, Agent, . . . . .		6 00
Germantown, Columbia county, Peter F. Rockefeller, Treasurer, . . . . .	10 67	5 33
Ghent, Female, Mrs. Margaret Wynkoop, Secretary, . . . . .	5 75	1 25
Harlem, Female, Mrs. L. Doughty, Treasurer, . . . . .	3 00	
Hollowville, Columbia county, . . . . .	10 00	
Hopewell, Dutchess county, Ann R. Swörtwout, Treasurer, . . . . .	8 00	4 00
Ithaca, (Tompkins Co. Aux.) Daniel L. Bishop, Secretary, . . . . .	5 60	
Jamestown, Female, Mrs. C. R. Harvey, Secretary, . . . . .	2 65	
Kington, Ulster county, Tunis J. Hoghtaling, Agent, . . . . .	21 97	
Lodi, Erie county, Joseph Plumb, Treasurer, . . . . .	5 68	
New Lebanon, John Kendall, Treasurer, . . . . .	5 00	
New Rochelle, Miss Sophia Brewster, Secretary, . . . . .	1 60	
New-York City Tract Society, Alfred Edwards, Treasurer, . . . . .	188 15	
Do. by Female Branch, Mrs. E. B. Lethbridge, Treasurer, . . . . .	93 87	15 00
Do. St. George's Church, Female, Miss Ann Dominick, Tr. . . . .	5 00	
Rhinebeck, Female, Mrs. C. Davidson, Secretary, . . . . .	8 00	
Rochester, Ulster county, Elizabeth Bevier, Treasurer, . . . . .	10 07	
Roxbury, Rev. F. Harrington, Treasurer, . . . . .	10 00	
Rye, Female, Miss Susan Daggett, Secretary, . . . . .	2 77	
Schenectady, Isaac Ledyard, Treasurer, . . . . .	26 00	
Troy, Charles Lyman, Treasurer, . . . . .	80 00	
Utica, Edward Vernon, Secretary, . . . . .	80 00	
Whitehall, Mrs. H. K. H. Plumley, Directress, . . . . .	3 00	
Williamsburgh, L. I. Mr. Meserole, Treasurer, . . . . .	1 76	
NEW-JERSEY—Beakingsridge, Horace Sheldon, Secretary, . . . . .	3 00	
Bellville, S. Duncan, Secretary, . . . . .	3 63	
Bloomfield, Juvenile, M. W. Dodd, Secretary, . . . . .	2 93	
Chatham, Female, Mrs. Amelia Spencer, Secretary, . . . . .	3 56	
Colt's Neck, Monmouth Co. Female, Miss E. Probascoe, Treasurer, . . . . .	6 45	
Mansfield, Mrs. Hetty H. Kennedy, Treasurer, . . . . .	25 00	
Middletown, Silas B. Crane, Secretary, . . . . .	38 57	
Milford, . . . . .	12 85	
Newark, Female, Mrs. Sarah M. Graham, Treasurer, . . . . .	4 56	
Port Amboy, Female, Mrs. Margaret Maurice, Treasurer, . . . . .	1 33	
Pompton Plains, Female, Margaret Berry, Treasurer, . . . . .	3 75	
Princeton, Nassau Hall, G. W. Seyburn, President, . . . . .	10 00	
Springfield, A. L. Dunnell, Treasurer, . . . . .	8 27	
Washington, Female, Phebe S. Miller, Treasurer, . . . . .	3 60	
Westfield, Mary Pierson, Secretary, . . . . .	7 00	
Woodbridge, Female, H. B. Barton, Secretary, . . . . .	1 60	
PENNSYLVANIA—Carbondale, James Seymour, Secretary, . . . . .	6 25	
Philadelphia Branch, Rev. J. T. Benedict, General Agent, . . . . .	112 00	
MARYLAND—Hagerstown, Mrs. Rebecca L. Martin, Secretary, . . . . .	20 50	
DIS. COL.—Alexandria, Female, Mrs. E. S. Ladd, Secretary, . . . . .	27 06	

	For Ty.	Don.
VIRGINIA.—Winchester, Daniel Gold, Treasurer,	45 00	
Do. by their Aux. Gerrardstown,		5 00
NORTH-CAROLINA.—Fayetteville, James Miller, Secretary,	29 71	
Greensborough, (Gulford Co. Aux.) John Gilmer, Esq. Agent,	20 00	
Hillsborough, (Orange Co. Aux.) William Huntington, Agent,	53 00	
Oxford, (Granville Co. Aux.) F. M. Wiggins, Agent,	27 00	
GEORGIA.—Augusta, George W. Coe, Treasurer,	190 11	
SOCIETIES NOT AUXILIARY.		
CONNECTICUT.—Canton, Female,		10 09
Plainfield, in part for Mo. Dist. M'Arthur, Logan Co. Ohio,	6 00	
NEW-YORK.—New Utrecht, L. I. Female, Bible, Missionary, and		
Tract Society, Mrs. C. Knapp, Treasurer,	1 28	
N. JERSEY.—Berkshire Valley, Morris Co. C. F. De Camp, Tr.	2 61	
GEORGIA.—White Bluff,	5 00	
Tracts sold at the Depository to individuals, (including \$153 25		
from traveling Agents,)	329 36	

### Directors for Life.

MASS.—Hinsdale, Rev. William			
A. Hawley, by church and con-			
gregation, (in full of \$50,) . . . \$30 00			
Northampton, Eliphalet Williams,	50 00		
N. YORK.—Lansingburgh, Rev.			
John M'Cullough, by his church			
and congregation, (for. dis.) . . . 61 50			
Livingston, Rev. Edwin Holmes,			
\$33 by gentlemen of his con-			
gregation, and \$17 by Female			
Tract Society, Livingston and			
Clermont, . . . 50 00			
New-York city, Jasper Corning,			
(for foreign distribution,) . . . 100 00			
Drake Mills, . . . 100 00			
James Roosevelt, . . . 100 00			
Henry Young, . . . 50 00			
Penn Yan, Yates county, Rev.			
Stephen Croesby, by Presbyte-			
rian church, (foreign dis.) . . . 51 20			
Troy, Rev. Mark Tucker, D. D.			
by John T. M'Coun, (for. dis.) . . . 50 00			
Do. Dr. Samuel Gale, (in full of			
\$50,) foreign distribution, . . . 30 00			
PENN.—Fannettsburg, Rev. A.			
A. McGinley, \$20 30 by Upper			
Congregation, Path Valley—			
31 78, by Lower Congregation			
in ditto, one half for destitute			
in Indiana, and the remainder			
for Cherokees in Arkansas, . . . 52 08			
riett V. Tibbitts, by Mrs. Har-			
riett King, (in full of \$20,) . . . 12 00			
New-London, Mrs. Lydia Learn-			
ed, by the friend most indebted			
to her, . . . 20 00			
Stratford, Miss Elizabeth Lyon			
Linsley, by her mother, Mrs.			
Sophia B. Linsley, (in full of			
\$20,) . . . 10 00			
Woodstock, (Village Corners.)			
Rev. Foster Thayer, by church			
and congregation, (in full of			
\$20,) . . . 6 00			
N. YORK.—Canaan, Rev. Cyrus			
Hudson, by his church and con-			
gregation, . . . 20 00			
Delhi, Mrs. Ann Etiza Gould, by			
Mr. Herman D. Gould, . . . 20 00			
Do. Rev. Samuel G. Orton, by his			
church and congregation, . . . 20 00			
Harrison, West-Chester county,			
Mrs. Willmott Merritt, by Mr.			
Joseph Brewster, . . . 20 00			
Lansingburgh, Mrs. Alicia Blatch-			
ford, (foreign distribution,) . . . 20 00			
Mrs. Phebe Jones, (for. dis.) . . . 20 00			
Elias Parmelee, do. . . 20 00			
Elias R. Parmelee, do. . . 20 00			
Elisha Sanders, do. . . 20 00			
E. W. Wellridge, do. . . 20 00			
Lenox, Eliza Ann Hall, by her mo-			
ther Mrs. Lydia Hall, (in full			
of \$20,) . . . 10 00			
New-Rochelle, Mrs. Hannah Brew-			
ster, by Mr. Joseph Brewster, . . . 20 00			
New-York city, Edwin H. Brew-			
ster, by his father Isaac Brew-			
ster, . . . 20 00			
Ellen T. Brewster, by her fa-			
ther Lemuel Brewster, . . . 20 00			
Frances L. Brewster, by do.			
(in part of \$20,) . . . 10 00			
Mrs. Susan Brewster, by Mr.			
Joseph Brewster, . . . 20 00			
James Brown, . . . 25 00			
Leonard Corning, . . . 20 00			

### Members for Life.

VER.—Bridport, Josiah, Bar-			
rows 2d, by Aux. Tract Soc. . . 20 00			
R. ISLAND.—Providence, Mrs.			
Frances A. Hoppin, . . . 20 00			
MASS.—Cummington, Luther			
Tower, by his father Stephen			
Tower, . . . 20 00			
Hinsdale, Charles King Tracy, . . . 20 00			
Sheffield, Robert F. Barnard, Esq. . . 20 00			
CONN.—Jewett City, Miss Har-			

New-York City, Benj. H. Folger,	25 00	Do. Mrs. Mary and Mrs. Laura	
Eli Goodwin,	30 00	Whitman,	10 00
Beri Kiug,	25 00	Windsor, Rev. Gurdon Dorrance,	5 00
Dr. Sidney P. Williams, by		Worthington, Rev. Mr. Pomeroy's	
his father Mr. Eliphalet Wil-		Society,	26 00
liams,	20 00	CONN.—Brooklyn, child, for hea-	
Miss Margaret T. Whitlock,		then,	6
by Mr. William Whitlock,	20 00	Danbury, a few young ladies, for	
Rye, Rev. David Remington, by		(monthly distribution,) Rising	
Female Auxiliary Tract Socie-		Sun, Indiana,	12 00
ty, (in part of \$20.)	10 00	Fisherville in Thompson, chil-	
Troy, Mrs. Mary Gale, by Dr.		dren, (foreign distribution,) .	4 25
Samuel Gale, (foreign dis.)	20 00	Goshen, individuals,	9 77
Do. Sereno E. Wight, by his fa-		New-Hartford, individuals,	2 75
ther D. Wight,	20 00	Do. North Society,	11 25
Utica, Mrs. Vina Knowles, by her		New-Haven, Mrs. Ann Tucker,	10 00
husband Rev. C. J. Knowles,	20 00	South Woodstock, individuals,	
N. JERSEY.—Morristown, Rev.		(foreign distribution,) .	8 15
Alfred Chester, by a lady,	20 00	Thompson, Factory Village, do. do.	23 33
Do. Mrs. Eliza A. Hoover, by a		Winchester, individuals,	2 00
lady,	20 00	N. YORK.—Aurora, church and	
PENN.—Mercersburg, Rev. T.		congregation, (for. dis.)	20 00
Creigh, by ladies of his church		Do. West Society, congregation	
and congregation, (for. dis.)	20 50	of Rev. J. Marsh, by T. T. Pond,	10 47
Milford, Rev. Edward Allen, by		Bergen, Genesee County, Society	
his church and cong. (for. dis.)	20 00	of Rev. Josiah Pierson, (foreign	
N. CAR.—Eno, Rev. Samuel		distribution,) .	15 00
Paiseley, by ladies of Eno and		Boonville, Miss Spencer, 25 cts.	
Little River congregation,	20 00	Mr. Hubbard, \$4—Mr. Graves,	
Fayetteville, Rev. Henry A. Row-		50 cts.—Miss Douglass, 25 cts.	
land, by ladies of his church and		individuals, \$1 75,	6 75
congregation,	20 00	Bovina, J. Douglass,	50
Hawfield, Rev. Ezekiel B. Currie,		Bridgewater, church and congre-	
by ladies,	20 00	gation, (foreign distribution,) .	13 60
Oxford, Rev. Nehemiah H. Hard-		Burlington, Otsego county, First	
ing, by church and cong.	20 00	Congregational Society, (fo-	
TENN.—Kingsport, Mrs. Sarah		reign distribution,) .	12 75
Carter,	20 00	Do. Claverack, P. O. Mrs.	1 00
OHIO.—Madison, Licking coun-		Eve Philip,	50
ty, David Moore, (in full of		Claverack, individuals,	5 00
\$20.)	10 00	Clinton, Rev. Dr. Norton's church,	
<i>Annual Members.</i>			
N. YORK.—New-York city, Mrs.		(foreign distribution,) .	70 62
James A. Stevens,	2 00	Chatham, Wheeler Hutchinson,	1 00
N. JERSEY.—Morristown, Mrs.		Charlton, Saratoga county Pres-	
L. Hawkins,	2 00	byterian church, (for. dis.)	34 25
<i>Other Donations.</i>			
MASS.—Cummington, church and		Chesterville, Albany county, Ref.	
congregation,	54 00	Dutch Church, (for. dis.)	14 25
Dalton, do.	13 28	Churchville, Presb. Society,	2 61
Hinsdale, Society of Rev. Wil-		Courtlandt Village, Courtland	
liam A. Hawley,	10 62	county, Presbyterian Congre-	
Lanesborough, a friend, \$1—Mrs.		gation, (for China,) .	10 00
Martha Hooker, \$5,	6 00	Durham, Rev. Seth Williston, (in	
Lenox, Rev. Dr. Shepherd's Soc.	23 24	part for perpetuating Premium	
North Adams, individuals,	17 75	Tract on Prayer,) .	5 00
Peru, Rev. Mr. Brewster's Soc.	36 00	Erie county, female friend, by T.	
Sheffield, church and cong.	31 89	T. Pond,	2 00
West Stockbridge Village, indi-		Fayetteville, Mary Jackson, (fo-	
viduals,	3 25	reign distribution,) .	1 00
Williamstown, Rev. Edward D.		Genoa, 1st Church, (for. dis.)	24 27
Griffin, D. D.	10 00	Grenville, Schenectady county,	
		Ref. Dutch Church, (for. dis.)	12 31
		Guilderland, Albany county, Re-	
		formed Dutch Church, do.	71 84



Henrietta, Congregational Soc. . . . .	7 84	ton, Scott county, Indiana, . . . . .	12 00
Hilldale, Columbia Co., indiv. . . . .	93	Pittsford, congregation of Rev. . . . .	
Hollowville, Claverack P. O., in- . . . .	1 00	Elijah Buck, (foreign dis.) . . . . .	22 00
dividuals, . . . . .		Plymouth, a friend, (for. dis.) . . . . .	1 00
Homer, Society of Rev. John . . . . .	35 00	Princetown, Schenectady coun- . . . . .	
Keep, (foreign distribution,) . . . . .		ty, Reformed Dutch Church, . . . . .	
Jamestown, Society of Rev. E. J. . . . .	10 07	(foreign distribution,) . . . . .	13 75
Gillet, (for. dis.) . . . . .	3 00	Pultney, Presb. Ch. (for. dis.) . . . . .	4 00
Java, individuals, (for. dis.) . . . . .	1 50	Richmond, Presb. congregation, . . . . .	24 00
Jefferson, Schoharie county, indi- . . . . .		Ripley, Society of Rev. John B. . . . .	
viduals, (foreign distribution,) . . . . .		Preston, (foreign distribution,) . . . . .	
Kinderhook, William M. Harder, . . . . .	1 75	\$18; John Crosgrove, do. \$5, . . . . .	23 00
\$1—Rev. D. Cushing, 25 cts. . . . .		Rochester, Monroe county, First . . . . .	
Henry L. Van Dyck, 50 cts. . . . .	1 00	Presbyterian Congregation, . . . . .	10 00
Knox, Albany county, individuals, . . . . .	10 67	Saratoga county, little girl, (fo- . . . . .	
(foreign distribution,) . . . . .		reign distribution, . . . . .	50
Knowlesville, Presb. cong. . . . .	7 49	Sangersfield, church and cong. . . . .	5 00
Laingsburgh, Horace Jones, \$10; . . . . .	12 00	Shelby, Congregational Soc. . . . .	4 00
Henry Parmelee, \$10; James . . . . .	29 10	Shelter Island, a friend for China, . . . . .	9 81
Vassar \$10; through the Troy . . . . .		Somers, Richard M. Badeau, for . . . . .	
Aux., (foreign distribution,) . . . . .	30 00	Val. Miss. . . . .	1 00
Lenox, individuals, (foreign dis.) . . . . .	5 75	Springfield, Otsego county, Be- . . . . .	
Ludlowville, Rev. A. P. Clarke's . . . . .	467 66	nevolent Society, . . . . .	1 25
congregation, (foreign dis.) . . . . .	29 00	West Mendon, Horace Wheeler, . . . . .	1 00
New-Hartford, Presb. Ch., (fo- . . . . .		Whitesborough, contribution, . . . . .	6 28
reign distribution,) . . . . .		N. JERSEY.—Morristown, a wi- . . . . .	
New-Lebanon, Rev. S. Churchill, . . . . .	80 00	dow's offering, . . . . .	10 00
\$1; Silas Churchill, Jun. \$1; . . . . .		PENN.—Chambersburg, S. Pat- . . . . .	
J. L. Hunter, \$1; Abbey Dib- . . . . .		terson, \$1; Judge Thompson, . . . . .	
ble 13 cts.; Sally A. Graves, . . . . .		\$1; Mrs. Susan Sloan, \$5; Mrs. . . . . .	
12 cts. R. Woodworth, (foreign . . . . .		Alexander Calhoun, \$1; Wil- . . . . .	
distribution,) \$2; J. Adams, . . . . .		liam Heyser, \$1; J. Maclay, \$1; . . . . .	
50 cts. . . . .	5 75	J. B. Ross, \$1; H. H. Crawford, . . . . .	
New-York city, Allen Street, . . . . .		\$1; S. Cooper, 50 cts. Elizabeth . . . . .	
Presbyterian congregation, (\$10 . . . . .		Flemming, 50 cts. Rebecca Rid- . . . . .	
of which foreign distribution,) . . . . .	467 66	dler, \$2 50; Jane Hagena, 50 . . . . .	
Eight-street Church, individuals, . . . . .	29 00	cts. B. Wolf, 50 cts. W. D. Davis, . . . . .	
The following \$10 each—A. G. . . . .		50 cts. J. Chambers, \$1; Susan . . . . .	
Cochran, A. L. Ely, J. L. Hale, . . . . .		Chambers, \$1, . . . . .	18 00
Thomas Masters, Martin Morse, . . . . .		Hanover, David Barmitz, (foreign . . . . .	
J. R. Pitkin, Mead Wheeler, . . . . .	80 00	distribution,) 25 cents; Henry . . . . .	
cash, . . . . .		Meyers, do. 25 cents; George . . . . .	
D. W. Kilburn, \$3; Mr. Renoud, . . . . .		Ebbert, \$1, . . . . .	1 50
\$1; sundry individuals, \$10 55; . . . . .		Mercersburg, Rev. T. Creigh's . . . . .	
R. S. \$1 66; a friend, \$25; do. . . . .		congregation, (foreign dis.) . . . . .	36 22
25 cts.; J. F. 37 cts.; cash, \$50; . . . . .		Milford, a friend, . . . . .	85
do. \$5; do. \$5; do. \$5; do. \$5; . . . . .		Strasburg, Rev. Mr. M'Knight's . . . . .	
do. \$3; S. E. and R. C. Morse, . . . . .		congregation, (foreign dis.) . . . . .	4 00
\$20; Mr. Clark, \$5; S. Walker, . . . . .		TENN.—Tazewell, H. Graham, . . . . .	66
\$5; Joseph Brewster, in addi- . . . . .			
tion to \$60, for 3 life members, . . . . .	184 58		
\$40, . . . . .			
Niagara Falls, Rev. A. M. Gil- . . . . .	11 18		
let's Society, (foreign dis.) . . . . .			
North Penfield, Society of Rev. . . . .	4 00		
Richard Dunning, (for. dis.) . . . . .			
Ogdensburg, church and con- . . . . .	24 00		
gregation, (foreign dis.) . . . . .			
Do. child's gift for heathen, . . . . .	4		
Oneida, individuals, . . . . .	3 00		
Onondaga Hollow, Society of . . . . .	13 00		
Rev. W. Thatcher, (for. dis.) . . . . .			
Otsego, Hardwick and Middle- . . . . .			
field Benevolent Society, C. . . . .			
Smith, Treasurer, for Lexing-			

The above list contains donations—  
 In part for perpetuating Premium  
 Tract on Prayer, . . . . . \$ 5 00  
 For Valley of the Mississippi,  
 (\$40 04 of which for Indiana, . . . . . 41 04  
 For Cherokees in Arkansas, . . . . . 26 04  
 For Foreign Distribution, (includ-  
 ing \$19 81 for China,) . . . . . 1,019 94

Whole amount of Donations, \$3,527 56  
 Received for Tracts sold, . . . . . 1,880 68

Total, . . . . . \$5,508 24

# THE AMERICAN Tract Magazine.

---

VOL. VIII.

FEBRUARY, 1833.

NO. 2.

---

OBJECTS NOW BEFORE

THE

**AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.**

In the work devolving, in the Providence of God, on this Society, for the spiritual welfare of our own country and of the world, the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE feel that there are *four objects* now especially claiming the attention of the Christian community.

## 1. *New Tracts.*

Notwithstanding the variety and excellence of the Society's publications, on which the blessing of God has signally rested, (and to which those two invaluable works, Edwards on the Affections, and the Life of David Brainerd, will immediately be added,) there is in the community a continued call for *New Tracts*, which the highest future usefulness of the Society unquestionably demands should be duly regarded. And whoever will consider the extent to which the Society's publications are circulated, must be convinced of the indispensable necessity, that they be truly evangelical, rich in the glorious truths of the Gospel, and at the same time adapted to arrest the attention and move the heart. The Committee are fully assured, that there are in our country, Clergymen and others, eminently qualified to prepare such Tracts; and they cannot but hope, that a desire of usefulness, and a sense of responsibility to God and the souls of men, will induce them to consecrate to this object at least a portion of effort. As a means of furthering this design, the Committee have been enabled, by the liberality of benevolent individuals, "to ap-

nounce that the sum of *five hundred dollars* will be paid to authors of the *best ten approved Tracts* that shall be received on or before the *first day of March, 1833*, in the proportion of *\$50* for each Tract; the manuscripts to be submitted to Rev. Dr. De Witt, Bishop McIlvaine, and Rev. Dr. Skinner, as the Committee of Award; or, in the failure of either of them, a person to be designated by the Society's Publishing Committee to fill the vacancy; and *all* the manuscripts submitted, to be, after the award, at the disposal of the Society, so far as desired for publication."

There is no limit to the SUBJECTS on which Tracts may usefully be written; and the Committee believe that, in general, writers will be most successful in selecting those which are impressed on their own minds, as especially adapted to the wants of the community. Where facts are known, which can be embodied in *authentic narratives*, clearly and forcibly exhibiting Gospel truths, it is a most desirable method of access to the human mind; and Tracts of four or eight pages have usually a wider circulation than those of larger size.

## 2. *Planting Agencies throughout our Country.*

If from the more than 600,000 square miles of our inhabited territory, we deduct 60,000, embracing portions of the country where the privileges of the Gospel are most richly enjoyed, there remain *thirty Agent's fields*, each containing 500 townships of six miles square, or 180 miles in length by 100 in breadth; each township embracing on an average 600 inhabitants, and each Agent's field 600,000. The Committee know of no possible means of reaching all the destitute of our country, except by planting in each of these fields a laborious and well qualified Agent; who shall secure the formation of adequate depositories, form Tract Societies, and awaken the energies of God's people to contribute of their substance and their efforts for the spiritual welfare of the entire population.

*Fourteen Agents* are now thus faithfully employed in their appropriate fields, through whose endeavors there is reason to believe some portion of Divine truth has already been

communicated to thousands, who otherwise would in no respect have felt the influence of this Society. And the Committee look to the Christian community for their co-operation, at once in sustaining this system, and giving it, by every practicable means, the utmost efficiency.

### 3. *Christian Efforts in connection with Tract Distribution.*

However excellent may be the publications issued, and however efficient the agencies employed, it is apparent that the destitute of our country will not be effectually reached, except so far as truth is brought *into contact* with their minds by personal Christian efforts. And the Committee believe, that not until all Christians, whom God has qualified for the service, shall be engaged, in co-operation with the Ministry, in appropriate labors for the salvation of men, will the duties solemnly devolving upon the churches be adequately discharged. Great benefit is found to result from assigning to each Christian a designated field as the immediate object of his prayers and labors; and the Tract, given or loaned, is a happy introduction to other Christian efforts. Many have by these means been brought to the house of God, and other religious meetings; many, found destitute of the Bible, have been supplied through the appropriate channels; multitudes of children have been brought into Sabbath, Infant, and other Schools; the temporal wants of the suffering have not unfrequently been relieved; and many, through the Divine blessing on the Tracts and kind and affectionate Christian efforts and prayers, there is reason to believe, have been brought to renounce sin, and yield up their hearts to the Redeemer. Let the Holy Spirit be largely poured out upon the churches, and the Committee are confident that such labors as these for those perishing in sin around us, will not be neglected; and in no way may we more assuredly expect his blessed influences, than in the prompt and faithful discharge of duty.

### 4. *The Foreign Field.*

All the intelligence the Committee have received from Pagan nations confirms the evidence, that God will use **THE PRESS**, as an important auxiliary to Missions, in their illumina-

tion and conversion. The great mass of the earth's population, embracing all the most prominent nations, may be reached through a comparatively *few principal languages*; these nations also embrace, to a considerable extent, a reading population; and in most of them the printing of Christian Tracts is already commenced.

In respect to the two or three hundred millions of *China*, though they speak different dialects, yet, on the printed page, the venerated language of Confucius, like the Arabic figures to European nations, is vernacular to all.

In *Burmah*, Tract operations are vigorously commenced. Four presses are in employ. A stereotype foundry is about to be established by the mission; and "the signs of the times," indeed, "indicate, that the great renovation of *Burmah* is drawing near." The appeals of Dr. Judson, stating that, at one festival of Gaudama, not far from *six thousand Pagans came to the mission-house for Tracts*, have justly awakened a thrilling interest in the American churches.

"Among the *Tamul* population on the continent," say the Missionaries in *Ceylon*, "is almost an illimitable field. Missionaries, to make known the Gospel by *preaching*, through all that extent of country, cannot be commanded; probably for years to come. *Tracts, well written*, and circulated so as to *pervade every part of the land*, must be, for the present, our main dependence."

The Missionaries in *BOMBAY* say, "The *Mahratta* language is spoken by a population of about 12,000,000; besides which, there is an immense multitude of immortal beings whom we can reach in no other way than through the medium of Tracts."

The Missionaries on the *Mediterranean* have recently prepared eight valuable Scripture narratives, in Modern Greek, translations of which into English have been sanctioned by the Publishing Committee.

The Tract Society in *Paris*, whose field embraces thirty-two millions speaking one language, say, in an appeal recently made, "Had our Committee to-day *twenty thousand francs*, (nearly \$4,000,) at its disposal, we could expend it in a few months, without extraordinary efforts, through the channels already opened. A still greater sum would enable

us to visit the departments where we have yet no relations. The field which now waits to be cultivated is immense."

Nor is there less decisive evidence, that Tracts ARE READ, AND ARE BLESSED OF GOD among pagan nations.

"I know Ayzo," (Jesus) said a poor native of Slam to Rev. Mr. Tomlin. "I know Ayzo, and worship him every day. My brother has books which speak of Ayzo, and teach about the true God, and I listen to him while reading."

A Missionary recently found, in a village 200 miles from Bombay, several persons who had a tolerably correct idea of Christianity; and ascertained that it had been wholly derived from Tracts, procured at Bumbay by one of the villagers—no Missionary having previously visited the place.

Dr. Judson, being some days' journey from Rangoon, was told by the natives, that a man had just died in peace, trusting in a new religion. On repairing to the house, he found, clasped in his hand, disposed on his lifeless breast, a Christian Tract, which alone had revealed to him a Savior, and opened before him a blessed immortality.

The Board of the American Baptist Convention have received evidence of the conversion of more than twenty Burmans, who had never seen a Bible, nor a Christian Missionary.

The Committee, at a recent meeting, after giving the various claims from abroad a serious consideration, and looking to God for direction, though the Society's Treasury contained less than \$400, unanimously

Resolved, that the following appropriations be immediately made, viz.

For the use of American Baptist Missionaries in Burmah, .			\$1,500
Do.	do.	Missionaries in China, . . .	1,500
Do.	do.	do. Bombay, . . .	1,000
Do.	do.	do. Ceylon, . . .	1,000
Do.	do.	do. Sandwich Islands, .	1,000
Do.	do.	of Protestant Epis. Ch. in Greece, .	500
Do.	do.	A. B. C. F. M. on the Mediterranean, .	1,000
Do.	Paris Religious Tract Society, . . .		1,500
Do.	Lower Saxony Tract Society, Hamburg, . . .		500
Do.	William Ropes, Esq., St. Petersburg, Russia, .		500

Total \$10,000

The Committee would mention with gratitude to God, that the American Tract Society in Boston, on being informed of the above resolution, immediately remitted \$2,000, in part of the amount; an anonymous individual in Virginia has remitted \$250; other donations have been received; and the Committee look to the friends of Zion for the means of *promptly transmitting the whole amount*, and thus encouraging and cheering our fellow-laborers at all the stations, whose work has long been hindered for want of pecuniary means.

The hearts of the Committee are deeply affected, when they contemplate the bearings of these several departments of the Society's operations upon the kingdom of Christ and the welfare of men; and they cannot but appeal to the friends of the Redeemer for such co-operation as God shall enable each of them to give. Will not able Christian *writers* consecrate to this cause a portion of their efforts? Will not those qualified to labor as *Agents* in responsible and destitute fields, forego, at the call of duty, the repose and the temporal and social blessings they may be now enjoying? Will not the people of God put forth their *personal efforts* in behalf of millions in our own country? Will they not furnish the *pecuniary means* for imparting a knowledge of the Savior to a perishing world? And will they not fervently supplicate the Holy Spirit to guide them and the Committee in duty, and bless their endeavors to multitudes, in their eternal salvation?

By order of the Executive Committee,

JAMES MILNOR, *Chairman*.

WILLIAM A. HALLOCK, *Corresponding Secretary*.

New-York, January 20, 1853.

---

#### THE SOCIETY'S AGENTS.

The following Brethren are now laboring as Agents of the Society in designated fields, as alluded to in the above document; viz. Rev. Warren Day, Rev. Charles J. Knowles, and Rev. William U. Benedict, in the state of New-York; Rev. Thomas Cochran, in New-Jersey; Rev. Vinal Smith, in Virginia; Mr. A. Bagley, in North Carolina; Rev. Archibald J. Steele, in Middle Tennessee; Rev. David Woodbury, and Rev. John Bonds, in Kentucky; Mr. William Yonge, in Ohio; Mr. Moses H. Wilder, and Rev. William W.

Woods, in Indiana; Rev. David Foster, in Illinois; and Rev. D. M. Kirkpatrick, Missouri. Besides these, Mr. George G. Jewett is commissioned for a short period in New-York; Mr. Jacob Ennis, in Pennsylvania; Rev. James H. Rice, in Western Pennsylvania; and Mr. Francis Hawley, in North Carolina; and a few others are under commission, who have not yet, to the knowledge of the Committee, entered upon their labors.

#### THE YOUNG MARQUESIAN PREACHER.

Mr. M., a theological student at Princeton, thus narrates the influence exerted for his salvation by THOMAS HAMITAH PATOO, a native of the Marquesas Islands, whose interesting memoir is contained in the Children's Series of the American Tract Society, (Ser. IV. No. 1. see page 22.)

The first time I saw Thomas, after he thought he had been born again, was on Sabbath, Dec. 8, 1822. I was then groaning under convictions of sin—I felt myself lost. It seemed that there was but a step between me and hell. I longed to converse with some one, but I was too proud to tell any one how I felt.

Thus situated, Thomas approached me, and began to question me about my spiritual condition. I told him I felt myself a lost ruined sinner. It seemed there was no hope for me: I had sinned against so much light, and so many strivings of the Spirit.

He proceeded to urge me to immediate submission. "Why you no give up that bad heart? It will do you no good to keep it. It will destroy you for ever. Give it up *now* to Christ. Christ ready to give you a new, a good heart. Me hope me have give my bad heart to him. Me hope me have a new one. Oh, sa, do give up your hard heart."

I told him I wished I could, but it was so hard I could not; something was in the way, I did not know what.

This excuse did not satisfy him. It only led him to press home with more earnestness the duty of immediately giving up my *bad heart* to Christ.

I felt so distressed, I begged him to pray for me; this was the first time in my life that I ever had made such a request, and the very asking him to pray for me deepened my impressions. It came to my mind immediately, "What! must you, a gospel hardened rebel, call in to your help the prayers of a poor Marquesian, who has but just been converted from the worship of idols! He has but just heard of Christ, and has received him as his Savior; you have heard of him for years, and have been slighting his salvation, despising his offers of mercy, trampling on his blood, and grieving his Spirit!" These reflections were like daggers to my soul.

Thomas promised to pray for me, but left me with saying, "*Oh, sa, give up that bad heart now.*" This sentence was the most powerful sermon I ever heard; it contained the eloquence of the Spirit, and coming in the way it did, with an expression of pity and con-



cern the most tender that can be imagined, left an impression on my mind which will go with me to my grave. I have always considered his earnest exhortation to, me, at that time as *the principal means in the hand of God of my conversion.*

#### A TRACT BURIED.

Mr. Wilder, Agent in Indiana, says: A man in D—— county read a Tract, and was so angry with it, that he *buried it in the ground*—not so deep, however, but that he dug it up and read it again,—and he is now a professed follower of Christ.

#### TRACT IN THE DRUNKARD'S POCKET.

Mr. O. C. Thompson, late Agent in Michigan, says: A Tract on Temperance was presented to a notorious Drunkard, which he jammed into his pocket with his tobacco. When he had recovered a little from his drunken fit, he sat down on a stone, in a retired situation, felt in his pocket for some tobacco, and found the Tract. He knew not how it came there, but proceeded to read it. "What a fool I have been!" he said to himself—"From this time I drink no more!" He has already kept his resolution *two years.*

#### A TRACT PASSING THROUGH THE HANDS OF A DISTILLER.

Rev. Mr. Woods, Agent in Indiana, says: I gave a Tract on *Temperance* to a pious man, who requested one of his neighbors to present it to another. The first mentioned neighbor was engaged in erecting a Distillery, and before executing his commission gave the Tract an attentive perusal—was convicted of his sin, and abandoned the work entirely.

### GERMANY.

#### *Tract Society at Berlin, Prussia.*

A set of the Tracts of this Society, being upward of 60 in number, has just been received from Mr. Samuel Elsner, Secretary, No. 40 Spandauer-street, Berlin, by the kindness of Mr. J. H. N. Felt, Hamburg, and Mr. J. G. Schmauck, German teacher, Philadelphia. This Society distributed, in 1831, 265,000 Tracts.

#### *Wurtemberg.*

A letter has been received from Rev. C. G. Barth, of Möttlingen near Calw, kingdom of Wurtemberg, accompanied by a short report of the *Calw Tract Society*, a little volume containing 104 Bible Histories, and several Children's Tracts, expressing great joy that the American Tract Society is extending some aid to Germany. This gentleman is laboring almost single handed in the Tract cause, but is proceeding with great efficiency. He is now preparing a brief history of the Church of Christ; and entreats such pecuniary aid as the American Tract Society can give.

#### *Bavaria.*

Mr. Felt, above named, invites the attention of the Committee to the Tract efforts of *Deam C. P. H. Brandt*, of Windsback, near Ans-

back, in Bavaria. Of 10,000 Tracts, granted to him by the Society at Hamburg, and received in May last, he had distributed all but 300 in one fortnight, the greater part among Roman Catholics. "I can, at all times," he writes, "and over a wide extent of country for many, many miles, make a most blessed use of Tracts." He has access to from 100 to 150 small and large towns and villages, with Protestant and Catholic inhabitants, and has calls for Tracts from all quarters. The London Society have granted him Tracts, to be drawn from the Hamburg Society, to the value of £10; but additional aid is requested from the American Society. It is believed a German translation of the Tract *Andrew Dunn*, would be of great service.

Dean Brandt, in connection with a few friends, has published 17 Tracts for "promoting Christian faith and life," of which, within two years, he has packed up and distributed more than 300,000 copies; but alas! the friends in Bavaria are so poor, that they can scarcely go on; almost all their Tracts are *sold*, they being unable to distribute gratuitously! "It is most afflicting," writes a gentleman, "to see how few of the rich have any taste for Christian books; and our funds are insufficient to supply the wants of the poor. Many ministers can scarcely pay one *kruizer* (less than a cent) for a book.

Mr. Felt recommends that a correspondence be opened with the Rev. Professor Blumhardt, in behalf of the *Basle Tract Society*, and Pastor F. Mallet, for the *Tract Society at Bremen*, which meets with great opposition.

#### AUXILIARY, TROY, NEW-YORK.

Sixteenth Annual Report, presented January 1. Circulated during the year 721,696 pages; of which 64,400 in Monthly Distribution; 13,358 in Sabbath and other Schools; 35,706 to Sailors, Boatmen, &c. 1,100 in the Almshouse; 607,132 sold and delivered to members. Purchased during the year, 855,295; on hand, 648,045. Receipts for Tracts sold, \$331 54. A special meeting was appointed, for the purpose of reviving the Monthly Distribution in such a manner as to draw forth faithful *Christian efforts and prayer*.

#### *The Happiness of Giving.*

During the year, says the Report, a very universal interest has been manifested in behalf of the Heathen world. An appeal was presented, and at once, and unhesitatingly responded to; and rising of \$2,000 was consecrated by Christians of this City, (\$1,000 of which was subscribed at a meeting of one of the congregations, and remitted the next day.) to send Tracts, which tell about Jesus Christ, an eternal God, an eternal Hell, and an eternal Heaven, to a poor, deluded, ignorant people, who have heard just enough of these awful subjects to excite in them an insatiable thirst for more; like the little child, which seemed comparatively happy during the absence of its fond parent, until the sound of her well known voice strikes upon its ear; and then its false happiness is ended, and every attempt to pacify it, short of the longed-for folding to the bosom, only tends to increase its misery.

We trust, ere this, many a heart has been made glad, by the leaves of the tree of life, which we have sent out for their healing. We prayed that the breezes of heaven might be propitious to the vessels

which carried them, and that the blessings of the great God, our Savior, might watch over them, and waft them just to that spot on earth which stood in the most perishing need of them; and that each longing suppliant might receive his portion in due season.

Shall we not believe that this spiritual bread, consecrated by the prayers of many a pious heart, and cast, by the command of Him who can do nothing wrong, upon the troubled waters, will certainly be found after many days? Surely we must believe: Lord, help thou our unbelief. Saints from Burmah, and saints from Troy, will ere long greet each other in the streets of the New-Jerusalem, as mutually blessed: the one blessed in receiving; the other doubly blessed in giving; and both enjoying the unclouded glory of the risen Redeemer to make them happier still.

Oh, who would not wish to be a Christian, just for the sake of doing good? Blessed Jesus, while we live, give us the privilege of making others happy."

### NEW PUBLICATIONS.

No. 125. ON THE TRAFFIC OF ARDENT SPIRIT.—pp. 28. This Tract is substituted for the Tract, Fatal Effects of Ardent Spirits. It was prepared by the Secretary of the American Temperance Society, and is essentially the article on the Immorality of the Traffic, contained in that Society's last Annual Report. It will probably compare with any other Temperance document which has yet appeared.

HEAVENLY MANNA, OR PRAYERS AND PROMISES FOR EACH DAY IN THE WEEK.—pp. 128, 64mo. price 12½ cents. A beautiful pocket manual, containing a Scripture prayer and a Scripture promise for each day in the year.

### BRECHER'S SIX SERMONS ON INTEMPERANCE.

This volume, (embracing 106 pages 18mo. price 10 cents in cloth,) was some time since approved by the Publishing Committee, and an arrangement has now been made with the proprietors of the copyright for its publication by the Society. It consists of "thoughts that breathe, and words that burn;" and though written at the commencement of the late Temperance movements, has been outreached by no approved publication, in the purity of its sentiments or the force of its illustrations.

For Rev. W. Day's Appeal to Christians in Western New-York, and a refreshing Prayer-Meeting, see Cover.

### RECEIPTS

#### INTO THE TREASURY OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

*During the month ending January 15, 1833.*

#### FROM AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETIES.

	For Tr.	Don.
VERMONT.—West Rutland, Rev. L. L. Tilden, Agent,	2 35	1 05
MASSACHUSETTS.—Boston, American Tract Society, John Tappan, Esq., Treasurer, \$1000 for Sandwich Islands, 700 for Arie Religious Tract Society, \$200 00, for Burmah, 50 00, for China, 5 for India, 27 for Bombay, 20 for Greece, 50 for Malta, 50 for Siam, 10 for Cherokese, in Indiana, \$140 for the Western States,		3200 00

# RECEIPTS.

23

	For Tr.	Dona.
CONNECTICUT.—Branford, Samuel Friable, Treasurer,	1 94	
East Hadham, Female, Mary B. Whitmore, Agent,	1 50	
Guilford, John Burgess, Treasurer,		12 76
Hartford, Connecticut Branch, Charles Hosmer, Secretary,	141 00	
Madison, William C. Bushnell, Treasurer,		22 50
Milford, George Mann, Treasurer,	6 00	
New-Haven, J. L. Cross, Agent,	10 00	
Do. Female, Mrs. Henrietta F. Whitney, Treasurer,	8 00	
Norfolk, Female,	3 14	
North Greenwich, Obadiah Peck, Treasurer,	2 68	
Reading, Rev. William C. Kniffin, President,	2 00	
West Greenwich, Solomon Mead, Secretary,	2 62	
NEW-YORK.—Albany, Central Branch, D. M. Kercher, Secretary,	57 00	
Bethel, Sullivan Co., James Smith, President,	2 00	
Bullback, in Walkill, John E. Bruster, Treasurer,		8 50
Coldenham, Orange Co., James B. Ten Eyck,	9 00	3 00
Fallsburg, Charles Vail, Agent,	5 00	
Flaikkil Landing, Female, Miss M. W. Teller, Secretary,	7 00	
Flat Lands, Long Island,	80	
Florida, Orange Co., Dr. H. K. Chapman, Secretary,	1 00	
Goshen, Dr. J. S. Crane, Treasurer,	18 83	
Gravesend, Long Island, Female, Mrs. Stryker, Treasurer,	1 86	
Hartwick Seminary, Professor Miller, President, (For Dis.)		13 00
Liberty, Sullivan Co., Grant Gritton, Treasurer,	3 50	
Marshall, (For Dis.)		6 41
Mount Pleasant, Henry W. Stone, Treasurer,	3 04	
New Paltz, Ulster Co., Reuben H. Hines, Agent,	32 00	
New Rochelle, Female, Miss Sophia Brewster, Secretary,	1 07	
New-Windsor, Silas Corwin, Treasurer,	4 81	
New-York City Tract Society, Alfred Edwards, Treasurer,	336 50	
Do. St. George's Church Female, Miss Ann Domisick, Treasurer,	5 00	
Shawanguna, Moses J. Decker, Secretary,	5 00	
Tompkinsville, Staten Island, Female, Mrs. Miller, Treasurer,	6 45	
Ulrica, Edward Fernou, Secretary,	195 23	
Williamsburg, Long Island, Mr. Messerle, Treasurer,	38	
Yorktown, West Chester Co., Young Men,	80	
NEW-JERSEY.—Amwell, Female, Mrs. H. Skillman, Treasurer,	3 00	
Bloomfield, Juvenile, M. W. Dodd, Secretary,	2 94	
Chatham Village, Female, Mrs. Amelia Spencer, Secretary,	2 07	
Millstone, A. A. Beckman, Agent,	6 22	
Newark, Female, Mrs. Sarah M. Graham, Treasurer,	14 54	
New-Braunswick, Female, Elizabeth Bennet, (for dis.)		60 00
New-Shamack, Nicholas Williamson, Treasurer,	9 00	9 00
Pompton, Gen. Charles Board, Secretary,	5 25	
Readingtown, (North Branch,) Martin Wyckoff, Secretary,	9 70	
Shrewsbury, Female, Miss Ann Little, Secretary,	80	
Springfield, Abijah L. Dunnell, Treasurer,	5 14	
PENNSYLVANIA.—Athens, Female, Mrs. Isabella M'Dougall, Treasurer,	5 00	
East Smithfield, William Franklin, Treasurer,		4 00
Philadelphia Branch, Rev. Joel T. Benedict, General Agent,	280 15	
MARYLAND.—Hagerstown, Female, Rebecca L. Martin, Secretary,	18 00	
Warrenton County, Female, Mary Campbell, Secretary,	10 00	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Washington City, John Coyle, Jun., Secretary,	22 50	
VIRGINIA.—Norfolk, William D. Hagood, Secretary,	20 00	
KENTUCKY.—Danville, M. G. Yonce, Agent,	42 00	
Richmond, Female, Miss Eliza H. Caldwell, Secretary,		5 00
INDIANA.—Terre Haute, William C. Linton, Agent,	3 73	
MICHIGAN TERRITORY.—Mackinac, William Mitchell, Treasurer,		42 00
SOCIETIES NOT AUXILIARY.		
NEW-YORK.—China, Genesee County, Arcade Tract Society,		5 00
New-Utrecht, Long Island, Female, Bible, Missionary, and Tract Society,		
Mrs. C. Knapp, Treasurer,	2 89	
Tracts sold at the Depository, (including \$2 50, by Rev. Jeremiah Hill, Agent.)	225 05	

## Directors for Life.

CONN.—Stratford, Rev. George C. Shepard, by a friend, (in full of 50.)	\$ 25 00
NEW-YORK.—Jamaica, L. I., Elphinstone Wickes, Esq. 50. For stereotyping Edwards on the Affections, and 50 (for dis.)	100 00
New-York City, William M. Halsted,	100 00
Do. Henry Young,	50 00

NFW-JERSEY.—Newark, Frederick S. Thomas, for Edwards on Affections,	50 00
N. CAROLINA.—Oxford, Gen. Joseph H. Bryan,	50 00
James D. Johnson,	50 00

## Members for Life.

RHODE-ISLAND.—Bristol, Mrs. Susan Chickering, (in full of \$25.)	10 00
--	-------

CONN.—Farmington, Eber Gridley, by his father, Mark Gridley, . . .	20 00
Greens Farms, Mary Sanford Davies, by her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Sanford, . . .	20 00
Guilford, Rev. Aaron Dutton, by Aux. Tract Society, . . .	20 60
Litchfield, Mrs. Lucy Beach, . . .	20 00
New-Haven, Rev. Benjamin T. Plitch, D. D., by Junior Class of 1892, Theological Seminary, (in part of 20,) . . .	6 00
New-London, Mrs. Hannah Tompson, by Sewing Society, for Burma, . . .	20 00
Ridgefield, Lucy Elizabeth Perry, by her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Sanford, . . .	20 00
NEW-YORK.—Canton, St. Lawrence Co., Rev. H. S. Johnson, by a friend in Albany, . . .	20 00
Kingsborough, Montgomery Co., Mrs. Mary Leonard, . . .	20 00
New-York city, Robert Buloid, . . .	25 00
Ezekiel W. Morse, by his Bible Class, . . .	20 00
D. Phyle, . . .	20 00
John Steward, jun., . . .	25 00
A. Woodruff, . . .	20 00
Mrs. Phoebe Wyckoff, . . .	20 00
George, Mrs. Judith Bonser, . . .	20 00
Shawangunk, Rev. John H. Berier, by A. T. S., (in full of 20,) . . .	10 00
Vienna, Phelps, P. O., Rev. Levi Griswold, by ladies, (in full of 20,) . . .	10 00
N. JERSEY.—Harmony, Warren Co., Rev. Robert Love, by himself, and several members of his church, (in part of \$20,) . . .	9 50
Rocky Hill, Rev. Henry Heermance, by the Dorcas Society, (for dis.) . . .	30 00
PENN.—Great Valley, Sprad Eagle, P. O., Rev. Leonard Fletcher, by a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church, Philadelphia, (for dis.) . . .	20 00
Philadelphia, Rev. Charles H. Alden, by a clergyman of the rot. Epis. ch. in that city, (for dis.) . . .	20 00
KEN.—Danville, Rev. J. Huber, (in full of \$20,) . . .	8 00
ILLINOIS.—Rushville, Schuyler Co., Rev. Cyrus L. Watson, by Mrs. Eliza A. Ward, for Valley Mississippi, . . .	25 00

## Annual Member.

NEW-YORK.—New York City, Mrs. James W. Blecker, . . .	2 00
---	------

## Other Donations.

MASS.—Buckland, Congregational Society, contributed Thanksgiving day, (foreign distribution,) . . .	4 46
CONN.—Branford, Gentlemen, (foreign distribution,) . . .	10 37
NEW-YORK.—Albany, Richard Varick De Witt, part of avails of type, Cazenovia, Monthly Concert. Small School District, (foreign dis. half for Burma,) . . .	5 00
Centerville, Society of Rev. Horace Galign, (for dis.) . . .	2 00
Deruyter, Church, (for dis.) . . .	8 00
Elmira, Ploga Co., individuals, (foreign distribution,) . . .	5 00
Granby and Fulton, Presbyterian Ch., (for dis.) . . .	8 00
Kingsborough, Montgomery county, Charles Mills, \$5; J. Giles, \$5; Philander Hicock, \$5; H. Waldo, jun., 1; M. Brulingham, \$1; E.	

Leonard, \$1; N. F. Barr, \$1; Miss M. Cough, 1, . . .	20 06
Lenox, Second Church, (for dis.) . . .	5 64
Mexico, Congregational Church, (for distribution,) . . .	8 85
Morrisville, Madison Co., Presbyterian church and congregation, for China, . . .	8 60
Newark Valley, congregation, by Rev. Marcus Ford, . . .	16 24
New-York city, Juvenile Tract Association, in S. School 58, attached to Spring street church, by H. H. Ludlow, Superintendent, . . .	10 31
A school, by John P. Haven, . . .	5 00
R. M. Blatchford, \$10; John Wheelwright, (.5; for dis.) 10; Grove Wright, \$10; Cash, 10; Samuel A. Huntington, \$5; Thomas Eggleston, \$5; Mead Wheeler, \$5; Dr. John W. Weed, \$5; Mrs. Joanna House, \$5; Cash, \$5; E. C. Benedict, Esq., \$3; E. H. Roberts, \$2 50; Henry N. Whittelev, \$2; a lady, Christmas present, \$1; a friend, \$1; do. 50 cents; Cash, 50 cents, . . .	80 50
Paris, congregational church, (for dis.) Port Bay, Wayne county, individuals, (for dis.) . . .	6 00
Rome, Second Congregational Church, (for dis.) . . .	15 47
Rushville, Ontario county, individuals, (for dis.) . . .	12 00
Seneca Falls, individuals, (for dis.) . . .	15 09
Smithfield, Madison county, Presbyterian congregation, for Burma, . . .	27 00
Vienna, poor woman, (for dis.) . . .	46 00
Virgil, First Congregational Church, (for dis.) . . .	00 09
Warsaw, Presbyterian Society, (for distribution,) . . .	8 00
Waterville, an individual, (for dis.) . . .	18 00
Western District, female friend, for Burma, . . .	8 31
Whitesborough, students, Oneida Institute, (for dis.) . . .	1 00
N. JERSEY.—Danville, Warren Co., individuals, . . .	30 00
Greenwich, do., individuals, . . .	7 00
Hackettstown, do., individuals, . . .	68 00
Harmony, do., Rev. Mr. Lord's Soc., . . .	55 00
Mansfield, do, individuals, . . .	27 50
Newark, Third Church, by F. S. Thomas, . . .	70 00
Oxford, Warren Co., individuals, . . .	81 28
Warren county, several small donat's, (for dis.) . . .	80 00
PENN.—Carlisle, James Hamilton, Esq., . . .	1 30
Joanna Furnace, Berks county, anonymous, for Tracts for Rev. Wm. Ramsay, Bombay, . . .	10 00
VIRGINIA.—A friend, (for dis.) . . .	20 00
Eastville, William G. Smith, . . .	250 00
	1 09

The above list contains donations—  
 In part for perpetuating "Edwards on the Affections," . . . \$100 00  
 For Valley of the Mississippi, . . . 173 00  
 For Cherokees in Indiana, . . . 10 00  
 For Foreign Distribution, (including \$67 50 for China; \$47 for Bombay; \$29 for Burma; \$20 for Greece; \$6 for India; \$50 for Malta; \$700 for Paris Religious Tract Society; 1000 for Sandwich Islands; \$50 for Siam,) . . . 2,561 25

Whole amount of Donations, . . . 4,184 59

Received for Tracts sold, . . . 1,536 04

Total, . . . 5,720 64

# THE AMERICAN Tract Magazine.

---

VOL. VIII.

MARCH, 1833.

NO. 3.

---



[See George Lovell, No. 264.]

## OFFICIAL LETTER FROM CEYLON.

Friends of the Tract cause among the Heathen, especially those who feel an interest in the appropriation of \$10,000, announced in our last number, and which the Committee are remitting to various stations, as fast as funds can be obtained, will be gratified in the perusal of the following, from *Rev. Miron Winslow, American Missionary at Ceylon, dated June 12, 1832:*

The whole Tamul population of the Island, (exclusive of Cingalese,) is probably not far from 300,000. I was astonished, when at the South, in March last, to find such multitudes who understood Tamul, both in Colombo and Kandy, and to see their eagerness to get Tracts. I carried, with others, a Tract, then lately from the press, designed for the Moormen, being an exposure of the Mahometan system; and it was wonderful to see the eagerness with which it was sought for by that deluded and prejudiced race of people. I might

VOL. VIII.

3

WHOLE No. 84.

profitably have distributed among them many times the number of Tracts which I carried.

On the Continent, as you are aware, there is an almost illimitable field, as the whole population of the Coromandel coast is Tamul. When, two or three years ago, I passed from Negapatam to Trichinopoly, multitudes of Bramins, as well as other respectable people, crowded around me for Tracts, at every considerable place where I stopped. Mr. Spaulding, who went to Madras with Charles,\* and made his journey, as much as possible, a Missionary excursion, distributed large numbers of Tracts, and found them every where well received. There are a good many Tamul Tracts printed at Madras, and a good many at Nagercoil, for the Travancore and Tinnevely districts, but by no means a supply; and if there were, they would not be distributed. At Madras, especially, there is a great want of active distributors—native laborers, who can arise and go through the whole length and breadth of the land. The consequence is, that the whole extent of country, from Pondicherry to Ramnad, including a vast population, and many native towns, is comparatively unoccupied. We could not, it is true, had we Tracts, fully occupy it; but we have so many native helpers, who *can* travel and go over the straits without any great difficulty, that—had we large supplies of books, we could often send over some to those who are now so much in want; and it is the more necessary to do this, as Missionary labor adequate to making known the Gospel by *preaching*, through all that extent of country, cannot be commanded probably for years to come.

*Tracts well written*, and circulated so as to *permeate* every part of the land, must be our main dependence. The Scriptures may accompany or follow Tracts, with great profit; but in a Heathen country the Bible, without a living preacher, or Tracts to call attention to it, or explain it, is generally a neglected or sealed book. Tract Societies should, therefore, rather take the lead of Bible Societies, in the work of Evangelizing the Heathen. I do not mean that their work is more important, or that it will require more money, but it is *first in the order of time*, and more extensive. Tracts can go where the Bible cannot. Their range is wider than that even of the Missionary. They go without tiring, they preach without fainting, and their voice is heard, again and again, in the stillness of night; as well as in the bustle of the day. They speak to the man *alone*—and speak to his *bosom*, when he has no pride of consistency or victory to maintain. He is overcome by a Tract when he would dispute with a Missionary. And they have also the advantage of speaking the native language correctly, and to some extent idiomatically, which every Missionary does not. Where, therefore, Missionaries are so situated that they can prepare and send out suitable Tracts among a considerable reading population, there is, I am persuaded, no method by which they can do more good, with so little money. Indeed, if a Missionary has not Tracts to aid him, he spends much of his labor in vain. There has been a great waste of Missionary strength in this way, for in many places missionaries without Bibles and without Tracts have been like a mechanic without tools. I think your Committee will see, there-

Rev. Mr. Winslow's son, who died in May last, 20 days after his arrival in this country.

fore, that we need aid. The grant of \$200 which they so generously made has been *all expended*. I think, and looking at the field, trust you will agree with me, that we *ought*, if it can possibly be obtained, to expend a much larger sum annually, as *all* our distributions must be gratuitous, and there are millions to be supplied, many of whom will have no other means of knowing any thing of the way to heaven. But whatever your most valuable and truly noble Society find in their hearts to do, let them do as the Lord may have enabled them.

Your affectionate brother in many bonds,

M. WINSLOW.

We are in great want of *paper*. Should there be an opportunity to send *direct to Ceylon*, we wish some might be sent; if not, the freight and duty in other ports would make it too expensive.

---

#### TRACTS IN BURMAH.

Before sunrise this morning, (Dec. 15,) says Rev. Mr. Mason, I received a visit from the Chief of a neighboring village, who introduced himself with a present, and said he came to request books for his village, and to show me the way there.

While putting up Tracts, he was careful to observe, "There are many houses in my village." He went round with me to every house, and exhorted the people to examine the books, and consider the doctrines therein taught.

---

The Tracts which I brought with me from America, writes Rev. Eugenio Kincaid, under date of Maulmein, Nov. 8, have long since been distributed, and the good which they have done will only be fully disclosed in the eternal world. One man, now a worthy member of the church, dated his first serious impressions from reading the *Swearer's Prayer*. *The great Question answered* has been most signally blessed. The Tracts on *Intemperance* have been like the stone which went from the sling of David. Many a giant that defied the armies of the living God has fallen; not to perish, but to be raised to life everlasting.

---

Rev. Mr. Wade's Journal of a long excursion in January and February, 1832, contains interesting particulars of the distribution of Tracts, day after day, in the various places he visited—sometimes presenting them at every house.

---

Mr. Bennett, the Missionary printer, says, under date of March 4, "Before this moment, *four* presses are probably at work, by which the knowledge of salvation may be spread throughout the empire, and the blessings of Christianity carried to every door." He hoped to have the *New Testament printed entire by January 1*; but says, "Tracts, however, to a certain extent, must be printed. I find they are nearly all distributed."



## REV. MR. JUDSON'S TRACTS IN SIAM.

When we first arrived, (in Siam,) says Rev. Mr. Gutzlaff, our appearance spread a general panic. It was well known by the predictions of the Bali books, that a certain religion of the West would vanquish Buddhism. By and by fears subsided; but were on a sudden again aroused, when there *were brought to Bangkok Burman Tracts, written by Rev. Mr. Judson*, in which it was stated—that the Gospel would very soon triumph over all false religions. Constant inquiries were made about the *certain* time when this should take place; the passages of Holy Writ which we quoted, in confirmation of the grand triumph of Christ's kingdom, were duly weighed, and only a few objections started.

## CHINESE EMPIRE.

This Empire, says the Chinese Repository, stands at this moment a stupendous *anomaly*, and beyond all controversy presents the widest and most interesting field of research under heaven. A vast domain, stretching from East to West more than 3,000 miles, and from North to South 2,000 and upward—and, with the exception of the Russian establishment at Peking, consisting of only ten persons, and a very narrow place at Canton and Macao, 'foreigners can by no means be permitted to enter and reside in it.'

## SCRIPTURE TRACTS FOR GREECE.

The following Scripture narratives have been recently prepared in modern Greek, by the American Missionaries on the Mediterranean, and English Translations of the same adopted by the Committee of the American Tract Society: viz.

*The Lives of Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Samuel, David, Elijah, Elisha, Esther, and Daniel.*

We have prepared these narratives, says Rev. Mr. Temple, in the persuasion that, as the Greeks are not in possession of the Old Testament in a language that they understand, they would find them at once interesting and instructive. Indeed, I am acquainted with no books of a religious kind, which seem to me more likely to be well received, and do good among the Greeks at present; and I should rejoice if your Society shall agree with us in the view, and give us the means of distributing them widely, and gratuitously. We see but little prospect that religious books of any kind can soon be sold among the Greeks, but as a gratuity they may without doubt be circulated to almost any extent. The numerous schools which are now opened in these countries, can hardly fail, one would think, to nourish up a population of readers, and these readers will, doubtless, demand something better than they now have to read. We are desirous of dispersing our books as fast and as far as we can with any reasonable prospect of their being read; and we do most heartily rejoice that the Tract Society is disposed to aid us in putting them into circulation so far beyond the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills of our own country.

The Committee have also sanctioned *Andrew Dunn* for circulation in *Germany*.

---

STRIKING TRACT ANECDOTE.

Rev. M. Pomeroy, of Cayuga, N. Y. states the following facts:

Mr. C—— was the child of pious parents in Massachusetts, from whom he received the best religious instruction. His mother used often to retire with her children for affectionate, serious conversation and prayer. This son left the paternal roof at 15, served an apprenticeship, and at length engaged in business with the one only object to be rich. He prospered for a season; but at length became a bankrupt a neglecter, and opposer of religion; an associate of the vile; intemperate; a stranger at the house of God, and a hater of good men. He was, however, led by the hand of Providence into a pious family. A Bible and Tracts were placed in his room, but were neglected. At length, a young lady, in compassion for his soul, perceiving one day that his mind was then essentially free from the influence of ardent spirits, offered him a Tract, on condition that he would *promise to give it a perusal*. The very condition proposed awakened his attention. "What!" said he to himself, "am I a heathen, who will not read unless I give a pledge! Too true. She has reason to think I will not read the Tracts, unless I bind myself to the promise. How long have the Bible and other good books lain in my chamber neglected!" Conscience now pointed him back to the prayers and instructions of his mother, who almost seemed to be on her knees before him. He seemed to himself guilty—undone; and so sudden were his overwhelming convictions that, without reading the Tract, or promising to do so, he hurried away to a prayer-meeting, to beseech the astonished Christians there to pray for his poor guilty soul. Prayers were offered, and seem to have been heard; for he was soon hoping in Jesus Christ; and his subsequent life is believed to give satisfactory evidence that the change was real and permanent.

---

BLESSED CHANGE WROUGHT IN A FAMILY.

Rev. Mr. Knowles, agent in St. Lawrence county, New-York, thus writes: "Mr. —, of —, was a drunkard and blasphemous, and of course a nuisance in the neighborhood, for 23 years. He had an industrious and worthy wife, and thirteen children. The oldest son was a drunkard. The family lived in poverty and wretchedness. A Tract on Intemperance was sent to the father. He was greatly enraged, and abused the friend who sent it. However, he read it. A blessed change has appeared in the family, and the Tract is supposed to have been the instrumental cause. For near two years the father and son have been temperate men. The father and most of the family sustain a good standing in the *Church of Christ*; and comfort and cheerfulness have become inmates of their dwelling.

## BLESSING ON THE TRACT—"FRANCIS NEWPORT."

In G——, N. Y. says Mr. N. C. Clark, a woman, who was a Universalist, was awakened and hopefully brought to repentance by reading the Tract *Last Hours of Francis Newport*, which she found in the chamber where she lodged. The relation of her conviction and conversion was the apparent means of awakening a *very wicked young man*, who soon obtained a hope. *Her father also*, an old man, was prevailed upon, by her entreaties after her conversion, to attend a protracted meeting, where he was convicted of sin; and it is hoped he has given his heart to Christ.

---

## BLESSING ON THE "PERSUASIVES TO EARLY PIETY."

Rev. Mr. G——, of H——, Pennsylvania, says, a copy of this work was lent to Miss ——, in N——. She read it, and was convinced that it contained important instruction *for her*. She read it again, and felt that she had neglected the great concern of her soul, and that "now it was high time to awake out of sleep." She was deeply convicted of her guilt and danger, and found no rest until, she trusts, she was brought to believe in the blessed Savior. Since her hopeful conversion, she has appeared to be in deed and in truth a follower of Christ. This little book she recommended to all her young associates. It was read by them, and some of them became alarmed at their condition, and have since expressed hope in Christ. I think it will be found in the judgment that *this one copy* was a great blessing to these souls.

---

## TRACTS BLESSED TO A DRUNKARD AND GAMBLER.

A man in a county in North-Carolina, says Mr. Bagley, Agent, who was a drunkard and a gambler, received *Kiltredge's Address*, and a Tract on Lotteries. He was first induced to discontinue his immoral practices, and then to attend to the salvation of his soul. The result was, that he, his wife, and all his family (having three or four children) professed a hope of an interest in their Savior.

---

## WHO WILL WRITE FOR A MILLION TO READ?

MR. EDITOR—Allow me to address a few words to those of your readers who hold the "pen of a ready writer." I wish to spread out before them a field of usefulness, which perhaps they have not hitherto duly considered and appreciated.

There is not probably a press in the United States, and it may be doubted if there is in the world, which commands channels of more extensive and important influence than that of the American Tract Society. It is probable that a writer is enabled to reach and to influence more minds, in our own country and throughout the world, by the presses of this Society, than by any other medium that our continent affords.

The object of this institution is of such a character, and the spirit which marks its operations is such, as appear to unite cordially and

heartily all who love Christ, in advancing its glorious designs. It is established upon a broad and noble basis. As expressed in the first article in the constitution, it aims, "by the circulation of religious Tracts calculated to receive the approbation of all evangelical Christians," to diffuse *far and wide* "a knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, as the Redeemer of sinners, and to promote the interests of vital godliness and of sound morality."

By means of its various branches and auxiliaries, and through the instrumentality of its agents, and thousands of voluntary distributors, the pages of this Society are conveyed into every state, and perhaps every county in our Union.

From its connection with foreign Tract Societies, and with the various Missionary stations, it is enabled to distribute its publications in different languages, and through every quarter of the globe.

The English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Grecian, Russian, Tamul, Mahratta, Chinese, and many other languages, convey the issues of this Society to their respective nations.

And he whose heart can indite, and whose pen can express "thoughts that breathe, and words that burn," may be the author of a Tract that shall interest and bless not only millions in our land, but which may be translated into almost every language under heaven, and be perpetuated to the end of time, carrying salvation and joy to myriads who are ready to perish.

The last report of the Society mentions that, during the year, 140,000 copies of the Tract "Mountain Miller" were struck off, and the Tract "On the Hope of Future Repentance" received 136,000 impressions. Who would not devote time, study, and prayer, to be the favored writer for such a host of readers? Suppose that, on the average, each Tract is read by *five* individuals. Here are half a million minds that are influenced! But extend the thought a little farther. How many readers of how many languages have wept over the pages of the *Dairyman's Daughter*? Mr. Grimshawe, the biographer of Legh Richmond, in his memoir, published four years ago, states that *four million* copies of that narrative had then been published in *nineteen different languages*. O! if the spirit of Richmond looks back with joy upon any one labor of his life, it may well be upon the hours he spent in penning that highly favored Tract.

Are there not ministers of the Gospel among us, who have among their manuscripts, or in their memories, narratives or facts, which might be brought forth to tell powerfully, through the presses of this Society, upon the interests of religion? I long to see the master spirits of our times, clergymen or laymen, those who wield the pen of a Junius, dipped too in the "anointing oil," come forward and give such an impulse to the machinery of this institution, as shall rouse a nation and affect a world.

G. D. A.

---

#### CONNECTICUT BRANCH, HARTFORD.

Seventeenth Anniversary, Jan. 2. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Hawes. Addresses by Rev. Messrs. Vanarsdalen and Walton. The following resolution was presented and urged with great force: viz.

"Resolved, While we deeply feel the importance of Tract opera-

tions *at home*, we regard it as the duty of Christians to make the greatest possible effort to supply the increasing demand *abroad*, especially among the heathen."

Receipts during the year, in donations, \$ 317 02; sales, \$984 92—total, \$1,301 94. New due to Hartford Bank, \$ 500; to American Tract Society, \$ 380 62. Circulated, 153,632 Tracts and books, being 21,762 more than in the year preceding; and making a total of 1,045,412, since the formation of the Society. The Report gives a condensed view of the operations of the Religious Tract Society in London, and the American Tract Society, especially in foreign lands, and manifests the readiness with which the Connecticut Branch will ever co-operate, as God shall give them ability, in this great work. *Rev. T. H. GALLAUDET, President. Mr. CHARLES HOSMER, Secretary and Agent.*

The Female Monthly Tract Distributors in Hartford, state that, during the last 6 months, an increasing interest has been manifested in their visits. Through the efforts of one distributor, who finds that plain, personal religious conversation is not only allowed, but expected from her, the *mother* of two children, whose husband "cares for none of these things," has been brought to embrace Christ. She is now on a sick, if not a dying bed; and says, "I am at peace."

Many individuals now attend on public worship, who had long absented themselves, and many families have been induced to place their children in Sabbath Schools. A young lady, who called on the distributor to converse respecting the salvation of her soul, has found peace in believing. A Christian who had become careless, was greatly quickened in duty by the Tract, *God a Refuge*.

---

#### AUXILIARY CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

Organized, January 2. Isaac Alexander, Esq., President. Rev. A. J. Leavenworth, Secretary. David Parks, Treasurer and Depository. Resolutions were adopted expressing the sense entertained of the excellence of the Tracts of the American Society, and their adaptation to be useful in that vicinity; the importance of the monthly distribution, and of establishing a Depository at Charlotte, for which subscriptions were commenced at the meeting, and prosecuted out of doors.

---

#### EAST TENNESSEE AUXILIARY, KNOXVILLE.

The Thirteenth Annual Report, recently presented, states the receipts for the year, including balance in the Treasury, to have been \$ 353 60; expenses, including a donation of \$ 50 to the Parent Society, \$335 96. Circulated, 181,116 pages. On hand, 72,274; and 282,000 pages and 16 bound volumes on the way from the General Depository. The Female Tract Society, Knoxville, ceased the monthly distribution in the winter, from the impracticability of obtaining Tracts, but revived it in the spring. It is hoped the recent revivals in East Tennessee will give a new impulse to the Society's operations. *Rev. CHARLES COFFIN, D. D. President. Rev. S. FOSTER, Secretary. JAMES PARK, Esq., Treasurer.*

## SPECIAL TRACT MEETING AT CINCINNATI.

Held Dec. 18, for the purpose of arousing Christians to more faithful efforts for the souls of men, in connection with the systematic Tract distribution. Rev. S. W. Lynd in the chair. Mr. S. Woodbury, Secretary of the Cincinnati Society, stated that the Society had circulated the past year 2,084,765 pages, 671,645 of which gratuitously; 237 children had been introduced into Sabbath Schools, and 153 families found destitute of the Bible. An increase of 628 families had been reported within about a year, three-fourths of whom are supposed to be foreigners. An aged blind woman, desiring to do something for souls, had, at the recommendation of the distributor, established a neighborhood prayer-meeting, in connection with which 5 or 6 individuals have been hopefully converted to God. A middle aged man from the country informed a distributor that he had never seen a Tract.

The meeting was addressed by Rev. Mr. Maffit, Dr. T. D. Mitchell, Rev. Dr. Beecher, and Rev. Mr. Gallaher; and the fixed attention of an unusually large audience testified their interest. A letter was read from Bishop M'Ilvaine expressing his sincere regret in being compelled to leave the city previous to the meeting. A collection of \$228 20 was taken up, with two gold rings, enclosed in the following notes: "This ring has been in my father's family for 50 years. It is useless in its present form. The donor wishes it may speak in the living Tract, and with the Lord's blessing, save souls from death."—"Such as I have I will give—my services as a Tract distributor."

## TRACT FOR NEW SETTLEMENTS.

A Clergyman residing in a very destitute portion of the country, says, that a Tract, adapted to the sparse settlements, and written by one personally acquainted with the true condition of their inhabitants, would be very useful.

## INTEREST IN FOREIGN TRACT APPROPRIATIONS.

Since the Circular of the Society was issued, stating that the Committee had resolved to appropriate \$10,000 to various foreign stations, many have manifested an interest in the design. A gentleman in Albany says, "I read yesterday in the newspaper," the above named "circular, and enclose you my check for \$100 toward the amount."

A friend in Salem, New-York, took the Circular from the Post-Office just as the anniversary meeting of Benevolent Societies in Washington county was convening, laid it before the meeting; and it was resolved that \$500 be raised in that county, in part of the \$10,000.

The Female Auxiliary of Danville, Ken. have also just remitted \$100, for foreign distribution.

The Committee wish to cheer our brethren abroad, by remitting the whole amount as soon as possible.

## BAPTIST GENERAL TRACT SOCIETY.

Ninth Anniversary held in Philadelphia, Jan. 2. Receipts during the year, \$5,213 27. The Society's debt is reduced from \$3,200 to \$1,000. Seven new Tracts have been published, making the whole number 125, of which 46 are narrative, 23 doctrinal, 40 practical, 5 missionary, 5 temperance, two allegories, and 4 sententious sayings. Issued from the Depository, 2,703,000 pages; remaining on hand, 1,452,000. \$245 and 55,000 pages have been appropriated for Burmah: \$60 to Mr. Oncken, at Hamburg, for publishing the Scripture Manual on Baptism in Germany, besides some grants for Africa, and our Southern and Western States. Three Depositories have been established during the year, making the whole number 39. Several instances of the usefulness of Tracts are narrated in the report.

## NEW TRACT.

No. 273. **THE LOST SOUL**, 4 pages. Containing a brief Narrative of the last hours of a young lady, who died in despair, with very solemn and appropriate reflections. Written by Rev. Sylvester Woodbridge.

See Donation of Jewelry, &c.—Perpetual Missionary Fund—First Annual Report, and Premium Renewed, on cover.

## RECEIPTS

## INTO THE TREASURY OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

*During the month ending February 15, 1833.*

## FROM AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETIES.

	For Tr.	Dona.
VERMONT.—Salisbury, W. Miller, Treasurer,	2 00	
MASSACHUSETTS.—Boston, American Tract Society, John Tappan, Esq., Treasurer,	20 00	
Springfield, Henry Kirkham, Treasurer,	24 60	
RHODE-ISLAND.—Providence, Isaac Wilcox, Depository,	104 00	
CONNECTICUT.—Black Rock, Capt. G. Sturges, President,	1 00	
Bristol, Rev. David Parmelle, President,	40 00	5 00
New-Haven, J. L. Cross, Agent,	1 75	
North Greenwich,	20 19	
Norwalk,	50 00	
Norwich City, F. A. Perkins, Esq. Treasurer,	4 80	
Southington, Chauncy Buck, Secretary,	1 00	1 00
Trumbull, Mrs. Lucretia S. Edwards, Secretary,	15 80	7 10
Warren, Sherman Hartwell, Secretary,	8 68	5 43
West Greenwich, Solomon Mead, Secretary,	8 20	
NEW-YORK.—Amity, Orange Co., Daniel Carpenter, Secretary,	8 61	
Bedford, Mrs. Susan S. Nichols, Treasurer,	2 67	8 58
Centerville, Silas C. Brown, Secretary,	2 00	
Cutchogue, Long Island, Rev. Ezra Young, Agent,	8 53	
Flatbush, Long Island, Mrs. Laura Johnson, Treasurer,	1 00	
Flatlands, Long Island, Female, Mrs. L. A. Van Noyce, Treasurer,	3 00	
Glenada,	4 00	
Huntington, Long Island,	5 63	
Jamaica, Long Island, James Rider, Treasurer,	2 64	
Lexington Heights, Milo Buell, Treasurer,	26 50	
Middle Granville, Peter Cramer, Treasurer,	2 30	
Mount Pleasant, Sing Sing, Alexander Watson, Secretary,	782 47	
New-York City, Alfred Edwards, Treasurer,	256 05	
Do. by Female Branch, Mrs. E. B. Lethbridge, Treasurer,	7 38	
Do. St. George's Church, Female Miss Ann Dominick, Sec.	1 15	
New Windsor, Silas Corwin, Treasurer,	8 74	
Ridgebury, Orange Co., Moses Webb, Secretary,		

	For.	Tr.	Dons.
Rochester, Monroe Co., Levi A. Ward, Treasurer, . . . . .	2	12	
Bye, Female, Miss Susan Daggett, Secretary, . . . . .	1	30	
Ulica Branch, E. Vernon, Secretary, . . . . .	200	00	
Unionville, Orange Co., William H. Newkirk, Secretary, . . . . .	2	67	
Warwick, Reformed Dutch Church, . . . . .	2	80	
Westtown, Orange Co., Jonathan Sayer, Treasurer, . . . . .	4	00	
NEW-JERSEY.—Bloomfield, Juvenile, M. W. Dodd, Secretary, . . . . .	1	47	
Chester, Abraham Williamson, Treasurer, . . . . .	1	60	
Elizabethtown, Second Presbyterian Church, . . . . .	3	28	
Perth Amboy, Female, Mrs. Margaret Maurice, Treasurer, . . . . .	4	56	
Plainfield, Female, Eliza Anderson, Treasurer, . . . . .	4	56	
Princeton, Theological Seminary, Richard Webster, Secretary, . . . . .	15	28	
Six Mile Run, J. G. Voorhees, Treasurer, . . . . .	6	13	
PENNSYLVANIA.—Pittsburgh, Rev. Robert Patterson, Agent, . . . . .	136	44	
Philadelphia Branch, Rev. Joel T. Benedict, General Agent, . . . . .	191	58	
VIRGINIA.—Farmville, Maj. John Rice, Treasurer, . . . . .	72	02	
Lovettsville, Daniel Miller, Secretary, . . . . .	10	00	
Petersburg, Charles P. James, Secretary, . . . . .	30	00	
SOUTH-CAROLINA.—Charleston, D. W. Harrison, Agent, . . . . .	590	00	
KENTUCKY.—Danville, Female, Amanda Dougherty, Secretary, of which, \$ 50 for Hindoostan, and \$ 50 for China, . . . . .	125	08	
MISSISSIPPI.—Borville, Cooper county, . . . . .	16	50	
St. Louis, Missouri and Illinois Branch, Woodbridge, S. Olmsted, Treasurer, . . . . .	83	56	
MICHIGAN TERRITORY.—Detroit, E. P. Hastings, Esq., Agent, . . . . .	143	51	
<b>SOCIETIES NOT AUXILIARY.</b>			
NEW-YORK.—Boonville, Tract Society, (For. Dis.) . . . . .			
VIRGINIA.—Fredericksburg, Prayer Book and Tract Society, Reuben T. Thom, Treasurer, . . . . .	17	11	4 06
Tracts sold at the Depository, to individuals, (including \$ 1 76 from Travelling Agent, . . . . .	387	70	

**Directors for Life.**

NEW-YORK.—Albany, John T. Nor-	\$100 00	try, (in full of \$20.)	10 00
don, (for dia.) . . . . .		MASS.—Sheffield, Rev. James Brad-	20 00
Geneva, Rev. Henry Dwight, . . . . .	125 00	ford, by church and congregation, .	
Jamaica, L. I. Eliphalet Wickes, Esq. (for dia.) . . . . .	100 00	CONN.—Bristol, Mrs. Sally Parmele, by Aux. Tract Society, . . . . .	20 00
Lockport, Rev. Joseph Myers, by 1st Presbyterian Soc. (in part of \$50.) . . . . .	25 75	Lisbon, Ezekiah L. Reed, by his aunt Rachael Button (in full of \$20.) . . . . .	10 00
New-York City, Moses Allen, (in full of \$1,000 don. in Tract cause, . . . . .	500 00	North Killingby, Rev. William Bushnell, by William A. Booth, N. Y. . . . .	20 00
Do. John R. Murray, Jun. by Misses Mary and Hannah L. Murray, . . . . .	50 00	NEW-YORK.—Big Hollow, in Windham, Rev. Alfred Gardner; \$4 by Fem. Sewing Soc. \$2; by Aux. Tr. Soc.; \$14 82 by individuals, . . . . .	20 82
Do. William Wallace, . . . . .	50 00	Cairo, Rev. J. Judson Buck, by Presbyterian congregation, . . . . .	20 00
Ovid, Seneca county, Rev. Thomas Loonsbury, by his church and congregation, (for China,) . . . . .	83 00	New-York city, Mrs. Margaret Beers, by Cyrenius Beers, . . . . .	20 00
Prattsburgh, Rev. George R. Rudd, by his church and congregation, (in full of \$50.) (for dia.) . . . . .	30 00	Miss Henrietta R. Beers, by do. . . . .	20 00
Ridgebury, Rev. Wm. Timlow, \$25, by Presbyterian church, Ridgebury, \$12 50; by Aux. Tract Soc. Amity, (in part of \$50.) . . . . .	57 50	Erastus Ellsworth, . . . . .	20 00
Union Village, Rev. Jacob D. Fonda, \$16, by individuals of his church and congregation, and \$14 by Ladies' Sewing Society; \$7 of which for Bormah, and \$7 for Ceylon, (in full of \$50.) . . . . .	38 00	Abijah Fisher, (for China,) . . . . .	20 00
N JERSEY.—Princeton, Prof. Charles Hodge, by Aux. Tr. Soc. in Theol. Seminary, (\$15 for Bormah,) (in full of \$50.) . . . . .	30 00	John D. Holbrook, . . . . .	20 00
VIR.—Ortery congregation, Rev. Michael Osborne, . . . . .	11 50	Edward B. Huntington, . . . . .	20 00
GEORGIA.—Savannah, Rev. Henry O. Wren, by the Baptist congregation, . . . . .	50 00	Mrs. Harriet Kerse, by J. D. Keene, . . . . .	20 00
KENTUCKY.—Louisville, Rev. E. N. Sawtell, by ladies of his church and congregation, . . . . .	50 00	Josiah P. Marquand, (for dia.) . . . . .	20 00
<b>Members for Life.</b>			
VER.—West Rutland, Mrs. Lucy A. Tilden, by Ladies' Circle of Indus-		try, (in full of \$20.) . . . . .	20 00
		Oswego, Caroline H. Condit, by her father, Rev. Robert W. Condit, . . . . .	20 00
		Oswego, Tioga county, Frederick W. Platt, by William Platt, (in full of \$20.) . . . . .	10 00
		Prattsburgh, Edmund E. Bridges, by his father, Elam Bridges, (for dia.) . . . . .	20 00
		Rev. James H. Hotchkiss, by sundry individuals, (for dia.) . . . . .	20 00
		Rochester, Rev. Luke Lyons, by 1st Presb. Free Church, . . . . .	20 00
		Union Village, Mrs. Roxana Wheelock, . . . . .	20 00
		Westtown, Rev. Theron C. De Pew, by Westtown Aux. Tract Society, \$14 60, and Aux. Tr. Soc. Unionville, \$11 81, (all for Bormah,) . . . . .	26 50
		Winchester Centre, Sidney Wade, by his grandfather Amasa Wade, . . . . .	20 00



Herman Wade, by do.	20 00
PENN.—Legonier, P. O., Westmoreland Co., Thomas Pollock, Esq., by his son, A. D. Pollock,	20 00
VIR.—Walker's church, Prince Edward county, Capt. James M'Dearman,	20 00
GEORGIA.—Savannah, William Henry Cummings, by his father Joseph Cummings, Esq.,	20 00
Ralph King, Esq.,	25 00

## Annual Members.

NEW-YORK.—New-York City, William W. Jackson,	2 00
Dr. Luke Barker,	2 00

## Other Donations.

MASS.—Ludlow, Presbyterian congregation, by Rev. E. Wright,	7 37
Sheffield, Society of Rev. James Bradford,	7 14
CONN.—Canton, ladies, for monthly distribution, Canton, Fulton county, Illinois,	15 00
Monthly Concert, (for. dis.)	12 17
Fairfield, Rev. Abner Brundage,	56
N. London, Miss Lucy Woodbridge,	2 00
Norwalk, ladies,	9 26
Sundry individuals,	6 62
NEW-YORK.—Vicinity of Rochester, avails of Jewelry, (for. dis.)	58
Augusta, church and congregation, (foreign distribution.)	14 91
Brighton, Congregational Soc. (foreign distribution.)	23 05
Cairo, Presbyterian congregation,	1 00
Cambria, Cash, \$10; avails of Jewelry, 41 cents,	10 41
Miss J. A. Graham, avails of Jewelry, (for. dis.)	56
Granville, G. Beebe, \$1; G. Beebe, Jun. 50 cents; Mrs. Parker, \$2.	9 50
Granville South, Congregational Ch.	5 50
Guilford, female friend, (for. dis.)	50
Holland Patent, Congregational Ch. (for. dis.)	9 00
Hopewell, Ontario Co., First Congregational Church,	7 09
Julius, Seneca Co., Presbyterian Society, (for. dis.)	11 50
Lexington Heights, sundry individuals,	15 25
Metcoville, church and congregation, (for. dis.)	8 00
New-Haven, church and congregation, (for. dis.)	5 00
New-York city, William W. Jackson, 50 cents; Archibald M'Callum, \$3; a friend, (for. dis.) \$1; Norman White, (for China.) \$15; a member of the Reformed Dutch Church, \$25; widow's mite, \$1.	45 50
William A. Booth, for monthly distribution, in M'Arthur Logan county, Ohio,	12 00
First Free Church, Dey-street, by A. Ludlow,	44 17
Orange county, avails of Jewelry, by Rev. W. U. Benedict,	9 25
Pleasant Valley, congregation of Rev. Benjamin F. Wile,	7 10
Prattsburgh, sundry individuals, (foreign distribution.)	1 00
Fullersville, Wayne county, Presbyterian Society, (for. dis.)	2 51
Riga, Congregational Society,	15 27
Rome, first church and congregation, (for. dis.)	5 48

Rome, Miss Betsey Jarvis, (for. dis.)	3 00
Two poor females, (for. dis.)	50
Salem, Washington county, Presbyterian church,	40 00
Sangerfield, Congregational Church, (for. dis.)	3 67
Sherburne, first church and congregation, (for. dis.)	8 25
Springfield, Otsego county Benevolent Society, (for. dis.)	15 00
Utica, Reformed Dutch Church, by J. H. Rathbone, Esq. Treasurer,	25 00
A member of 1st Presbyterian church, \$5 of which for Burmah,	10 00
Warwick, Reformed Dutch Church,	4 62
West Chester county, A. M.	25
Western, church and congregation,	7 29
West Leyden, L. Dewey, (for. dis.)	1 00
Whitesboro, female friend, (for Vall. Miss.)	1 00
Female friend, (for. dis.)	50
Windham, Presbyterian congregation,	19 25
NEW-JERSEY.—Caldwell, Essex Co. Samuel Crane,	5 00
Samuel Harrison,	5 00
Jonathan Provost,	5 00
Rev. Stephen Grover,	3 00
Nathaniel S. Crane,	3 00
Sundry individuals,	47 93
Hanover, Morris county, church and congregation,	46 25
Orange, first church,	17 00
Patterson, Presbyterian church,	50 25
First Reformed Dutch church,	23 71
Second Reformed Dutch church,	20 37
Baptist Society,	11 70
Paramus, Bergen county, Reformed Dutch church,	16 44
Upper Freehold, Mrs. Charlotte W. Woodhull (for. dis.)	10 00
Individuals second Presbyterian congregation, (for. dis.)	2 00
PENN.—Avails of Jewelry from ladies, Easton, members of the English, Presbyterian church,	00 75
14 87	
Miss Eliza Davis,	2 00
A friend,	00 25
N. CAROLINA.—Fayetteville, W. R. Williston,	1 00
Millgrove, Mrs. Jane Alexander,	1 00
GEORGIA.—Bryan county, sundry individuals,	145 87
Liberty county, cash,	4 08
Savannah, collection at a public meeting,	101 81
Charity box of Female Praying Soc.	80 00
D. L. Aslome,	5 00
Cash,	25
OHIO.—Chillicothe, Clarina Backus, (deceased,) in part of legacy, by J. Woodbridge, Executor,	708 50
UPPER CANADA.—Friends, (for. dis.)	31 82

The above list contains donations—  
For the Valley of the Mississippi, (including \$12 for monthly distribution in M'Arthur, Logan county, Ohio, and \$15 for do. in Canton, Fulton county, Illinois,) \$28 00  
For Foreign Distribution, (including \$58 50 for Burmah; \$7 for Ceylon; \$68 for China, and \$50 for Hindoostan.) 673 65

Whole amount of Donations,	3,757 40
Received for Tracts sold,	3,289 22
Total,	\$7,026 62

# THE AMERICAN Tract Magazine.

---

VOL. VIII.

APRIL, 1833.

NO. 4.

---



See Scotsman's Fireside.—No. 274.

---

## TRACT ANNIVERSARY.

NEW-YORK CITY TRACT SOCIETY.

The Sixth Anniversary of this efficient Society, and the eleventh of the Female Branch, were held on Wednesday evening March 13, in the Chatham-street chapel. The house was well filled—the first gallery being occupied by Tract distributors. The exercises commenced with prayer by Rev. Dr. Knox, and singing the following hymn, led by Mr. Hastings:

Go forth on wings of prayer,  
Ye messengers of love;  
Though mute, the joyful tidings bear  
Salvation from above.

Go, tell the careless soul  
The warbling God has given,  
Go, make the wounded spirit whole  
With healing balm from heaven.

Go to the wretched poor,  
The ignorant and rude;  
Bid them the pearl of price secure,  
Bought with a Savior's blood.

Savior of dying men,  
Thy presence we implore;  
Without thy blessing all is vain;  
Be with us evermore.

A brief survey of the proceedings of the Society during the year was presented by the President, Z. Lewis, Esq. An interesting report of the Female Branch was then read by Mr. Talbot, Assistant Secretary of the Parent Society, and the Report of the City Society by J. F. Robinson, Esq. Corresponding Secretary. On motion of Rev. Dr. M'Murray, seconded by Mr. Edward Probyn, these reports were adopted and referred to the Board for publication.

The Report of the City Society is a document of uncommon interest, and must be truly valuable to all engaged in the same cause throughout the country. It details no less than *one hundred and seventy-four* instances of individuals hopefully converted to God. It states that 1,354 children and adults have been during the year brought into Sabbath and Infant Schools; that 672 families, found destitute of the Bible, have been supplied by the Young Men's Bible Society; that several hundred persons have been enlisted in the Temperance cause, and a few induced to give up the traffic in ardent spirit; that several drunkards have been reformed, and many professors of religion, who had wandered far from God, have been brought back to duty and usefulness. District prayer-meetings have been established in various parts of the city, and many of them have been richly blessed. The wants of the poor and sick have, in numerous instances, been supplied, and many have been induced to attend on public worship.

Upon the distributors themselves, it is believed, a most happy influence has been exerted, in exciting them to prayerfulness, self-examination, and the study of the Bible; giving them clear views of truth and duty, acquainting them with the spiritual wants of the city and the weapons of the enemy, and rendering them skilful in using the sword of the Spirit, and active and living Christians.

The Report states, that the system of monthly distribution has never, since its adoption, been in so successful operation as at present; and never has it been so apparent that, wielded by the combined energies of the church, it is the lever which shall move the foundations of Satan's empire in this city. More than 700 individuals are now enlisted as distributors and christian laborers, by whom there have been circulated during the year, 428,734 Tracts, containing 4,191,898 pages.

The receipts of the Society during the year were \$5,324 90, of which \$1,086 30 were through the Female Branch.

Rev. Dr. LANSING then moved,

That the striking evidences of the blessing of God on the labors of this society, while they demand our humble and grateful acknowledgment, do at the same time present encouragement for redoubled effort in time to come.

In moving this resolution, Dr Lansing remarked that our acknowledgments are due to God for allowing us the glorious privilege of being co-workers with him in saving the souls of our fellow-men from eternal death, and in bestowing upon them the highest temporal and spiritual blessings. The distributors of this society are engaged in the noble work of diffusing all around them the spirit of the Gospel—that spirit which converts the drunkard, the idler, and the vagabond, into the sober, industrious, and thriving citizen, and thus produces a vast amount of temporal prosperity. But what is temporal prosperity in comparison with spiritual good? The distributors of this society are co-workers with God in the conversion of the soul, in producing that repentance over which the angels in heaven rejoice. What humble gratitude should it excite in the bosoms of men, that they can be the means of increasing the happiness of angels!

The progress of the society during the past year, in one view said Dr. L. has been encouraging—but it will not do for Christians to spend much time in looking back—they should look back only for a moment, that they may be incited to move forward with more vigor. It will not do to stop to look at the 170 souls who have been converted during the past year, while thousands who might be saved are annually perishing without hope. What is the conversion of 170 souls compared with what might have been accomplished if all engaged in this cause had been faithful? Can the Tract distributors lay their hands on their hearts and say that their efforts and their prayers have been what they ought to have been? If the value of the soul were only realized—if the thought, that there is in every living human being a soul which will survive this earth and all the worlds and systems of worlds around it, and be growing and expanding forever,—if this thought could make its proper impression upon the heart, men would see and feel that there is nothing worth living for but the salvation of the souls of men—if this thought could make its proper impression, we might expect to see the number of Tract distributors and their zeal and activity increased tenfold, and the fruits of their labors an hundred fold.

In the conclusion of his address, Dr. L. dwelt upon the importance of enlisting men of wealth and talents in the work of Tract distribution. "This is a work," he said, "which cannot be done by proxy." It is not enough that a man gives his money. He cannot by his money buy himself off from the duty of personal activity. If the eminent lawyers, the wealthy merchants, and the thriving mechanics of this city, who love Christ, would engage personally and zealously in the duties of Tract distributors, they would doubtless do more for the conversion of souls, and the prosperity of the city, than they could accomplish by the expenditure of all their money in hiring others to do the work. If I were to go to the richest man in the city, said Dr. L., and he were to allow me to choose either his money or his personal services, I would say, give me your personal services; I would say, ge

and visit the poor in their hovels, go and carry the Gospel yourself to the family of the drunken husband and father, go into the cellars and the outskirts of the city, and with your own voice warn the wayward, and cheer the afflicted, and invite all affectionately to embrace the offers of salvation. If men of wealth and influence would thus exert themselves, we might expect that the next report of this Society, instead of 170 conversions, would record 1700, if not 17,000. The work of regeneration would go on with a power and rapidity of which we can now scarcely form a conception.

Rev. Mr. CUTLER, of the Episcopal Mission Church, [elected as successor to Bishop M'Ilvaine in Brooklyn,] expressed his cordial approbation of the great principles of Christian action which had been presented by Dr. L. Christians are told in the Bible that they must "walk as children of the light." This implies that they go through the world with their eyes open, that they see things as they are, that they see around them, not the bodies of men merely, but immortal souls moving in whole masses to eternal happiness or eternal misery. It was true, he said, we want men more than money. His experience as a city missionary had supplied him with abundant evidence of this truth. Many were willing to give their money, if they could be excused from the duty of personal activity; but, if we wish to act like true Christians, we shall not desire to be excused; for "pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction," &c. If we would be true Christians, we must imitate the example of Christ, and engage personally and zealously in the attempt to save the souls of our fellow-men.

In conclusion, Mr. C. urged upon the Tract distributors the importance of persevering in their efforts, however discouraging present appearances might be. In his own parish, Tracts had been distributed with little apparent fruit for many years, till at last a Tract, left by a pious woman at the house of a mechanic, who was an opposer of religion, and whose wife dared not give her consent that it should be left, was taken up by him on his return home and attentively read. The next day this mechanic came to Mr. C. deeply anxious for the salvation of his soul; and the result was, that in a few weeks both he and his wife were hopelessly converted, and publicly united themselves to the people of God.

The Rev. Mr. PATTON moved,

That the success of Tract distribution depends eminently, under God, on its being accompanied by the prayerful and well directed efforts of Christians; and that, being thus accompanied, it claims the support of all who desire the salvation of men.

Mr. P. said that he had been called to address the distributors; but in view of the momentous results of their work, he trembled at the responsibility. As they returned each month from their labors, they probably felt more and more deeply, as the apostle did when he exclaimed, "Who is sufficient for these things?" and were ready to ask, What course shall we pursue, that we may be more successful for the future? The resolution answered this question in two respects:

First, cultivate that *deep-toned piety* that glows and burns in the heart.

Without deep piety Tract Distributers would be growing every day more and more unfit for their work; but if deep piety be added to great activity, the modern Christian may approximate Paul in the success of his labors. Looking back to the days of Baxter, Owen, Charnock, and Edwards, and comparing their retired hours with our active labors, we are prone to consider ourselves as more efficient laborers in the cause of our common Master, but we forget also to compare our hours of devotion with their closet exercises, their days of fasting and prayer. If we would attain the highest success, we must blend the piety that holds communion with God in the closet, with active efforts.

The subject reminded Mr. P. of a godly colored man in the vicinity of Philadelphia, with whom he had spent many hours of pleasant converse when he first hoped in Christ, and was turning his eyes toward the ministry. Poor Tom (for this was the name of his colored friend) had been converted when a slave, had learned to read, was called to the dying bed of his master to read the Bible to him, was emancipated by his master's will, and after having redeemed his wife, had removed to the suburbs of Philadelphia.

"Massa, me hear you are going to study to be a minister." Yes.

"Will you let poor Tom say one thing to you?" Yes.

"Well, you know the good Master says, *watch and pray*. Now you may watch all the time, and if you no pray, the devil will get in. You may pray all the time, and if you no watch too, the devil will get in. But if you watch *and* pray all the time, the devil no get in; for it is just like the sword God put into the hand of the angel at the entering of the garden—it turn every way. If the devil come before, it turn there; if the devil come behind, it turn there. Yes, Massa, it turn every way."

This illustration exactly suits the case of Tract distributors.—  
"Watch and pray."

*Secondly.* The resolution speaks of *well directed efforts*.

How do men of the world secure their objects? By *unity of purpose and effort*. It was by observing this rule that Handel, and Cæsar, and Bonaparte immortalized themselves. It is in this way that the miser gains his wealth. The heart is fixed on the object, and no toils or hardships are esteemed too great to be encountered in the attainment of it. The same is true in religion. Let your "eye be single," let your heart be fixed. Never forget, that without the Holy Spirit all you do is in vain; but never forget, too, that God calls you to labor as faithfully as if all depended on yourself. Look at the wonderful success of St. Paul. Take him for your example. It was not inspiration, nor learning, nor eloquence, but the *oneness of his purpose* that, under God, bore him on to triumph. From the moment of his conversion he fixed his heart upon the salvation of the world, and nothing, neither peril, nor stripes, nor imprisonment, nor death, could divert him for a moment.

Especially let your mind *fasten on individuals* for whose conversion you will labor and pray. It is by felling one tree at a time that the forest is cleared up.

Mr. P. then observed, that some of the audience perhaps were ready to complain that they did not feel so deep an interest in Tract distribution as in some other benevolent efforts. So he had seen a merchant who felt but little interest in the Canton trade, but being asked—Have you embarked any money in that trade? he answered, No. Have you money in the European trade? Yes. You feel interested in that trade? Yes. Put some money then in the Canton trade, and you will feel interested in that. So let Christians put money in the Tract distribution, and they will feel an interest in its success.

In conclusion, Mr. P. said:—"In speaking for this Society two years since, when it was deeply in debt, I gave a solemn pledge, which I have now come to redeem. I pledged myself, if you would help us out of the trouble in which we then were, that if ever we got into trouble again, we would come directly to you—and now we have come."

Mr. MOSES ALLEN said he had been for years superintendent of a ward in this city, and after all that had been said, he truly felt that the half had not been told. In that ward were now 97 distributors, most of whom he had the pleasure of welcoming monthly at his own house, in their stated meetings for prayer. In that ward the work to this very day had been increasing in interest. Two weeks from last Monday evening he attended a distributors' prayer meeting, on the most inclement night, he believed, there had been this winter. He feared none would be there; but two rooms were filled. Last Monday evening he was at the same rooms, and they were so crowded that it seemed impossible for another to gain admittance. The Spirit of the Lord was there of a truth. On his way he met a merchant, then going to the Tract meeting in his district, where he has gathered a school of nearly 200, old and young, including 20 or 30 Germans. Many souls have been hopefully converted to God through these efforts. They truly seemed "like preaching the Gospel to every creature."

Look at the proposed *investment* of funds, if he might use that term. There were about 750 Tract missionaries in the city, who presented not far from 400,000 sermons in a year, to a population of 200,000, one half of whom, probably, do not hear the Gospel preached in any other way. The average expense of sustaining each missionary was but about *five dollars* annually. One quarter of one cent would purchase a sermon of four pages. Not one individual would go out of that door who could not pay for one sermon. Would any withhold their contributions from such a cause?

The resolutions having been adopted, a subscription and collection was taken up, amounting to \$578 19. The congregation then united in singing the following hymn, composed for the occasion by Mrs. SIGOURNEY:

All hail! ye servants of the Lord,  
On Mercy's mission bound,  
Who, like the sower of the word,  
Strew precious gifts around.

What though your seed 'mid thorns be sown,  
Where tares and brambles thrive,  
Still One is able—One alone,  
To save its germ alive.

Ye fear what falls on stony earth  
Will mock your prayerful toil,  
But sometimes plants of holiest birth  
Bear fruit in stony soil.

The seed that 'by the wayside fell,  
Perchance you counted dead;  
Yet birds that sing in heaven may tell,  
They on its sweetness fed.

And some an hundred fold shall bear  
Unto the harvest's Lord;  
How blessed, then, will be your care;  
How glorious your reward!

After singing the Doxology, the meeting closed with the Benediction by Rev. Dr. Woodbridge.

## LETTER FROM RUSSIA.

*From Rev. Richard Knill, dated Sarepta House, St. Petersburg, September 28, (N. S.) 1832.*

Through the kindness of your countryman and our dear friend and coadjutor W. Ropes, Esq. we have been favored with the letter which you addressed to him, and a copy of that which you sent to the Tract Society in Hamburg. The delightful particulars which these letters contained, reminded us of the words of the prophet, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

We congratulate you, beloved friends, on the honor which your divine Master is putting upon you, by causing you to take so conspicuous a part in his service. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. The eyes of friends and foes, near and afar off, will be fixed upon you; and we sincerely pray that your light may so shine that you may eminently glorify your Father which is in heaven.

The sum of *three hundred dollars* which you voted us came safely and most opportunely, for we greatly needed such a favor at the moment it arrived.

### *Extent of circulation from St. Petersburg.*

O, Sirs, you ask what we need, but we can scarcely tell you—it is too great; yet to make known our wants is the way to have them supplied. Our fields stretch across half the globe. We often send Tracts fifty, one hundred, eight hundred, two thousand, and six thousand versts. God has opened doors for us in every direction. It may be said that we have friends who co-operate with us in almost every quarter, and thereby scores of millions of our fellow-creatures are accessible: This is a great call for thankfulness; yet there is one thing connected with this extensive circulation which is discouraging:



we can never expect to see the recipients of our favors in this world, nor can we expect to hear much from these very distant regions. But O, if we can trust a faithful God, and sow in hope and plough in hope, then we shall rejoice in hope.

*A scene in Cronstadt, the harbor of St. Petersburg.*

I saw an edifying and animating sight the other Sabbath at Cronstadt, which is just to the point. Just before divine service commenced, an interesting looking man springing across the deck, caught hold of the hand of our second mate, and shook him as if he could not let him go. There was much conversation also. After service, I asked the second mate the meaning of all this.

"Well, sir," said he, "it is very cheering and very singular. I do not recollect that young man, but he says that ten years ago I took hold of him and invited him to the Bethel at Sunderland; and then and there the Lord went with him; he was brought under deep convictions; he sought God and found him, and has been walking in his holy ways ever since."

Until that day he had not seen the friend who brought him under the word, and now after ten years they met in Cronstadt mole, to join once more in the worship of God. I believe no one in the ship profited so much by this event as myself. Much that you are doing in America, and that we are doing in Russia, may seem lost, or we may forget it, as this sailor forgot—but in ten years, or twenty years—or if not in this world, in eternity, it will be seen. We have much to encourage us. Our Tracts are read—divine light is increasing—some are converted from sin to holiness, and some are helping to convert others.

*Russian translations—need of funds.*

We approve of the directions you have given as to the character of the Tracts to which your bounty is to be applied. On this point we proceed with great caution. All the Tracts we have translated or printed are the standard Tracts of the London Society, and many of them are common to their series and yours. We desire also to record with great thankfulness, that all our Tracts have received the highest ecclesiastical authority. Indeed, without their zeal we could not have printed a Tract; and from this we conclude that we shall be able to proceed exactly in proportion as we have funds.

Our depôt, the first of the kind ever opened in this country, is very prosperous—so we consider it. The price of our Tracts is small, but they sell, which is a new thing, and we augur great things, now the people are beginning to purchase, and that on an extensive scale.

At present we have no Tract money in hand, except £10, lately voted to us by the London Tract Society for Finnish Tracts; therefore you will be able to judge whether a donation from you would be acceptable or not. We cannot urge it, we have no claims—your debtors we are—yet as it is more blessed to give than to receive, then we ask you to favor us again.

Our chief translator is the dear Princess Mestchersky, who enters very warmly into this blessed work. She lately became acquainted with two dignitaries of the Russian church, who understand English,

(the one a Bishop and the other an Archbishop,) and who promised the Princess to translate *Baxters' Saint's Rest*; and *Baxter's Call to the Unconverted*, into the Russian language. We may hope for peculiar blessings on these books.

Our circulation during the last three years has amounted to full three hundred thousand; and if our friends will help us, we will circulate as many more during the next three years. May God incline their hearts. Amen.

Praying for divine guidance to be granted to you in all your deliberations, and a divine influence to attend all your Tracts, we remain, Gentlemen, your affectionate and grateful servants.

In behalf of the Committee.

RICHARD KNILL.

N. B. The following Tracts have been published in Russ:—Dairyman's Daughter, Young Cottager, Reflections on the Close of the Year, Sin no Trifle, Shepherd of Salisbury Plain, Exhortation to the Unconverted, Invitation to Sinners, Hugh Bourne, (English name) but now called Laurence; Exhortation to the Self Righteous, Doctrine of the Cross, Poor Joseph, William Kelly, Dialogue between two Seamen; Dialogues; The Roll Call.

## USEFULNESS OF TRACTS.

### TRACTS BEFORE A PROTRACTED MEETING.

Rev. Mr. Woods, Agent in Indiana, says the Rev. Mr. Patrick of Columbus, wrote him as follows: We were about to have a three days' meeting; and among the means used for awakening the attention of sinners was the distribution of Tracts. After having first fasted and sought the blessing of God upon my work, I distributed some select and appropriate Tracts to individuals whom I supposed might be likely to attend our meeting, and might be benefited by reading the Tracts. Conversing with a Mr. A——, a young gentleman, on the importance of his seeking religion, I concluded by soliciting him in a friendly earnest manner to read the Tract "*Hope of Future Repentance*." The Tract called to his mind his many former promises and resolutions to repent which had not been complied with. He became so powerfully impressed by the truths of the Tract that (to use his own language) he determined from that time to double his exertions to obtain religion. He became a constant and faithful hearer of preaching during our meeting, and was deeply anxious for his soul. A few days after, he obtained evidence of the pardon of his sins, and is now a member of the Methodist church.

### THE "DAIRYMAN'S DAUGHTER" CRITICISED.

Rev. Mr. Grimshawe states, that the Author of this Tract was informed of the following instance of its usefulness, within twenty-four hours of his decease:

"A clergyman, who had conceived a violent antipathy against the Religious Tract Society and all its publications, was induced to select 'The Dairyman's Daughter,' for the purpose of criticising and exposing its defects. In the perusal of it he was, however, so arrested by the interest of the story, and so penetrated by the power of the religious truths it contained, that the pen of criticism dropped from his hand, prejudice was charmed into admiration, and he was added as another trophy of that grace which had shone so brightly in the life and death of the Dairyman's Daughter."

#### SALE OF THE SOCIETY'S BOUND VOLUMES.

Mr. E. H. Farrar, having sold the Society's bound volumes to the value of \$100 to \$200 in a town on Long-Island, and having mentioned the gratitude and tears with which the "Pilgrim's Progress" was received by the father of a family in deep affliction, thus proceeds: "Is not the book circulation worthy to hold a permanency in the Society's operations? There is a prominence of influence in the "Rise and Progress," "Saints' Rest," "Pilgrim's Progress," "Call to the Unconverted," "Edwards on the Affections," and the "Life of Brainerd," which does not pertain to the small Tracts. Of this you would have increasing evidence, should you go with me from house to house, and hear the ripe aged saints, just ready to depart, bear their testimony to the value of these publications, while many of the young know not whereof they affirm.

It has been suggested to me that a *Temperance Volume*, chiefly composed of select Tracts, would be very useful. Will you please give the suggestion the consideration it demands?

#### JUST ISSUED—EDWARDS ON THE AFFECTIONS.

This edition of this invaluable Treatise is that of W. ELLERBY, slightly abridged, and with some emendations suggested by a careful collation with the original work. Mr. Ellerby, attributing his own confirmed hope in Christ in no small degree to the instrumentality of this Treatise, and having subsequently, for a considerable period, made it his constant companion, was induced, in the hope of presenting it in a more acceptable and attractive form, to transcribe the entire work; attempting, with the most scrupulous fidelity, to present the precise thoughts of EDWARDS, as far as practicable in his own language, but in a more modern and perspicuous style; with no addition, and the omission only of his tautologies, redundances, repetitions, and more extended illustrations. 276 pages, 18mo. Price 30 cents in sheep.

#### NEW TRACT.

No. 274. THE SCOTSMAN'S FIRESIDE. An original authentic narrative of a visit made by an Infidel (Mr. Monroe) at the residence of the late *Mrs. Graham*, during the prevalence of the Yellow Fever in New-York in 1805; and his subsequent history until he became a decided Christian, and an active and useful member of the church in G——n. With suitable reflections.

☐ For "Worth of the Soul," Resolution of Baltimore Branch and the Consecrated note, see cover.

## CLOSING OF THE SOCIETY'S YEAR.

The details in the Society's Annual Reports being so extensive, and the time between May 1 and the Anniversary so short, the Executive Committee have resolved, that hereafter "the yearly account of the Society be closed on the 15th of April."

## RECEIPTS

## INTO THE TREASURY OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

During the month ending March 15, 1833.

## FROM AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETIES.

	For Tr.	Done.
<b>RHODE-ISLAND.</b> —Providence, Isaac Wilcox, Depositary,	\$81 88	
<b>CONNECTICUT.</b> —Colchester, Mrs. Morgan, Agent,	4 11	
Darien, Charles Whitney, Treasurer,	3 81	14 19
Greenwich, Eabon Husted, Secretary,	92	
Newent, in Lisbon, Reuben Bishop, Agent,	1 00	
New-Haven, J. L. Cross, Agent,	5 00	
Pettipaug, in Saybrook, Clark Nott, Treasurer,	4 48	
Ridgefield, J. A. Scott, Treasurer,	1 00	
Stonington, Rev. Joseph Whittlesey, Treasurer,	19 50	
Stratford, Asa Curtis, Treasurer,	3 83	
West Greenwich, Solomon Mead, Secretary,	91	
<b>NEW-YORK.</b> —Albany, Central Branch, D. M'Kercher, Secretary,	50 00	
Argyle, Archibald M'Naughton, Secretary,	6 82	
Chester, Orange county, Nathaniel H. Gale, Secretary,	6 13	10 12
Fort Edward, Female, Miss Elizabeth B. Hasbrouck, Secretary,	3 93	5 19
Fort Miller, Hezekiah Hubbard, Treasurer,	5 00	
Monroe, Orange county, David W. M'Cullock, Secretary,	4 80	
Monticello, Sullivan county, (Union Aux.) Flat Crossly, Secretary,	5 00	
Mount Pleasant, Sing Sing, Alexander Watson, Secretary,	2 48	
New-Rochelle, Miss Sophia Brewster, Secretary,	82	
New-Utrecht, Female, Mrs. C. Knapp, Treasurer,	3 00	
New-York city, Alfred Edwards, Treasurer,	282 19	
By Female Branch Mrs. E. B. Lethbridge, Treasurer,	48 68	
St. George's Church, Female, Miss Ann Dominick, Treasurer,	15 70	
Rye, Female, Miss Susan Duggett, Secretary,	84	
Salem, Washington county,	56 56	
Sandy Hill, Washington county, John Tobbs, Secretary,	6 00	
South Salem, Rev. S. Saunders, Agent,	6 00	
Troy, Charles Lyman, Treasurer,	150 00	
Union Village, Moses C. Younglove,	2 63	
Williamstown, L. I., Mr. Meserole, Treasurer,	56	
<b>NEW-JERSEY.</b> —Basking-Ridge, Horace Sheldon, Secretary,	1 50	
Bloomfield, Juvenile Auxiliary, Z. B. Dodd, Treasurer,	1 48	
Chester, William J. Hunt, President,	1 82	
Morristown, Female, Mrs. C. C. Allen, Treasurer,	5 07	
Newark, Female, Mrs. Sarah M. Graham, Treasurer,	5 00	
North Hardiston, Female,	15 00	
Rahway,	2 30	
Sparta, Sussex county, Mrs. James Wyckoff, Secretary,	5 77	
Springfield, Abijah L. Dunnell, Treasurer,	5 25	
Westfield, Mary Herson, Secretary,	3 12	
<b>PENNSYLVANIA.</b> —Philadelphia Branch, Rev. Joel T. Benedict, General Agent,	633 77	
<b>MARYLAND.</b> —Baltimore Branch, Carter A. Hall, Treasurer,	105 00	
<b>VIR.</b> —Richmond, N. Tally, Treasurer,	49 10	
<b>NORTH-CAROLINA.</b> —Charlotte, (Mecklenburg Co. Aux.) Rev. Abner Leaven-		
worth, Secretary,	15 00	
Newbern, Rev. John Armstrong, Depositary,	50 00	
Salem, Stokes county, John Yeager, Treasurer,	28 25	
Unity, Lincoln county, John D. Graham, Secretary,	7 00	
<b>KENTUCKY.</b> —Danville, M. G. Yonce, Agent,	10 00	
<b>OHIO.</b> —Putnam, (Muskingum Co. Aux.) Edwin Putnam, Agent,	61 74	
<b>INDIANA.</b> —Madison, Indiana Branch, M. H. Wilder, Cor. Sec.,	10 32	
Vincennes, John Bruner, Treasurer,	5 50	
<b>SOCIETIES NOT AUXILIARY.</b>		
<b>VIRGINIA.</b> —Bethlehem, Prince Edward county,		5 82
<b>NORTH-CAROLINA.</b> —Tarboro, Tract Society,	5 00	
<b>OHIO.</b> —Zanesville and Putnam Female,		
Tracts sold at the Depositary, to individuals, (including \$ 90 57 from Traveling Agents,	548 41	17 00

*Director for Life.*

**N. JERSEY.**—Wantage, Rev. Peter Kanouse, by his church and congregation, \$50 00

*Members for Life.*

**N. HAMP.**—Great Falls, Somersworth, Rev. James A. Smith, by J. M. B., Hartford, Conn. 20 00  
**CONN.**—Norwich, William C. Gilman, Esq., \$50 instalment on subscription, 25 00  
**NEW YORK.**—Geneva, Alfred North, by Israel Williams, Rocky Hill, Westfield, Conn. 25 00  
**New York City,** Marcus Wilbur, (for China,) 25 00  
**NEW JERSEY.**—Hardiston, Mrs. M. Fairchild, by ladies of North Presbyterian church, 20 00  
 Newton, Mrs. Catharine Green, 20 00  
 North Hardiston, Ebenezer Tuttle, (in full of \$20,) 10 00  
 Sparta, Rev. James Wyckoff, by his church and congregation, 20 00  
 Wantage, Joseph Chandler, John B. Decker, by his father, Bowdoin Decker, 20 00  
**VIR.**—Amelia Co., Christopher Ford, (\$10 of which for China,) 20 00  
 Rev. Timothy How, by ladies, 20 00  
 Prince Edward Court House, Thomas Trailway, (in part of \$20,) 10 00  
**GEORGIA.**—Macon, Rev. Edwin Holt, by A. T. S. and individuals, 20 00  
 Rev. Joseph S. Law, do. do., 20 00  
 Rev. Mr. Mitchell, do. do., 20 00  
**MISSOURI.**—Monticello, Chariton Co., Joshua Belden, Esq., by J. M. B., Hartford, Conn., 20 00

*Annual Members.*

**NEW YORK.**—New York City, Lewis Thibou, 2 00  
**HONDURAS.**—Belize, Mr. Hulce, 2 00  
 Mr. Smith, 2 00  
 Mrs. Bourne, 2 00  
 Mrs. Coffin, 2 00  
 Mrs. Wardlaw, 2 00  
 Mrs. France, 2 00

*Other Donations.*

**CONN.**—Brooklyn, Windham county, revolutionary soldier, in part of pension, 2 00  
 Contribution in 1st Trinitarian Soc. 14 96  
 Collection monthly concert, 16 27  
 Sabbath School Collection, 8 00  
**New Haven,** Mrs. Rebecca A. Sherman, (deceased) a legacy, 50 00  
**NEW YORK.**—Albany, Second Ref. Dutch Church, contribution, 43 25  
 Second Presbyterian Congregation, per D. Wood, Treasurer, 66 66  
 Canterbury, a friend, 2 00  
 Caroline, Congregational Society, 5 00  
 Chester, Orange county, Presbyterian church and congregation, 8 25  
 Dryden, Presbyterian church, 7 00  
 Florida, Orange county, Presbyterian church and congregation, 20 54

**William A. Wood,** (for dis.) 82 50  
**Port Ann,** H. D. Savage, 1 49  
**Hebron,** Thomas Gourlay, \$1; James Brown, 25 cents, 1 25  
**Kingsbury,** Jonathan Bellamy, 1 00  
**Monroe,** Orange Co., a young lady, 1 00  
**New York city,** Rutgers Street Ch., by hands of Mr. Jared B. Peck, 116 38  
 A father's thank offering for the recovery of a child from a dangerous illness, 25 00  
**Male Sunday School No. 26,** monthly collection, C. Peloubet, Treasurer, 3 41  
**John A. Davenport,** 10 00  
**West Granville Baptist Church,** 5 72  
**Presbyterian Church,** 4 10  
**White Hall,** Peter J. H. Myers, 5 00  
**NEW JERSEY.**—Caldwell, Essex Co. individuals, 1 50  
 C. S. Crane, 3 00  
 Frankfort, individuals, 1 07  
**Hardiston,** North Presbyterian church, H. S. Darrah, \$5; Daniel Haines, Esq., \$5; Rev. E. R. Fairchild, \$10; Joseph Lenn, Esq., \$3; Lewis Rewe, \$3; sundry individuals, \$19 6 cents, 45 6  
**Knowlton,** Warren county, church and congregation of Rev. Mr. Tallmage, 11 00  
**Newton,** Presbyterian church, 72 22  
**Paramas,** Bergen county congregation, by Rev. W. Eltinge, (for Vall. Miss.) 10 00  
**Sparta,** Rev. James Wyckoff, 1 50  
**Wantage,** Deckertown, P. O., Rev. Peter Kanouse, for Burmah, \$5; Children of Olive Sabbath School, \$5; Miss M. Gardner, for Burmah, \$1; Elias Cooper, Esq., \$3; N. Shepherd, \$3 25; James Mattison, \$5; Bradlerick Decker \$5; individuals, 32 cents, 27 66  
**VIR.**—Availe of Jewellry, by Rev. Vinal Smith, Agent, 6 62  
**Amelia county,** John C. Hill, \$1; Mrs. L. W. Ford, for China, \$3 10; Rev. T. W. Howe, (for China,) 50 cents; H. Anderson, for Burmah, \$1, 5 60  
**GEORGIA.**—A lady, 5 00  
**Augusta,** Robert C. Campbell, Esq., \$10; Mr. Floyd, \$2, 12 00  
**Columbus,** T. P. King, Esq., \$4; Samuel Thomas, Esq., \$1, 5 00  
**Milledgeville,** Collection, 11 10  
**ALA.**—Washington, Dr. R. Hutchinson, 2 00  
**KEN.**—Harrowdabury, Elijah Barford, 1 00  
**North Rolling Fork,** Thomas Hutchins, for Burmah, 1 00  
**Salt River,** James Lillard, for Burmah, 1 00  
**ILL.**—Wabosh, John Armstrong, 1 00

The above list contains donations—  
 For the Valley of the Mississippi, \$10 00  
 For Foreign Distribution, (including \$9 for Burmah, \$33 60 for China,) 50 10

Whole amount of Donations, 1,056 49  
 Received for Tracts sold, 2,304 49

Total, \$3,360 97

# THE AMERICAN Tract Magazine.

---

VOL. VIII.

MAY, 1833.

NO. 5.

---



## SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM YONGE, Agent in Ohio.

This afflictive event is thus described by his bereaved widow, who is left very destitute of this world's goods, in a letter dated *Dayton, March 17, Sunday night, 11 o'clock.*

*Dear, dear Brother and Sister,—We are always glad to receive letters from our friends: but sometimes they bring intelligence which makes our hearts to bleed with anguish. You are ready to ask me what is the matter? Compose your minds then, while you read—as I must, while I tell you—the Lord hath written me a widow!* Oh yes, my dear husband, my beloved William is no longer an inhabitant of this world. He left us on Friday morning at ten o'clock, and before dark, was drowned in crossing the ford at Troy, twenty miles from here. The news reached us yesterday at two o'clock. The wagon and horse were found before the young man left Troy, but the body was not—though the whole town had turned out in search. Mr. Conover and Mr. Spinning went immediately to assist in the search, and to bring his corpse home, if it could be found. They succeeded in finding it to-day at 11 o'clock, a mile and a half below the ford, on an island. They had a coffin made, and laid him out; and are now within twelve miles of Dayton, where they have stopped for the night, and sent two messengers to inform us that they will be here between nine and twelve to-morrow morning, and that it will be necessary to bury him immediately. And now, what more shall I say? We are all ready to sink under the stroke. "Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, oh! my friends, for the hand of God hath touched me."

VOL. VIII.

5

WHOLE NO. 86

Oh! if you could be here. But hush, my fond heart, hush; there is a shore of better promise, and there I trust we all shall meet when the long Sabbath of the tomb is past. Do remember at the Throne of Grace your afflicted sister,

ADAH.

MR. SILAS BEDEAU.

*The Tract "AFRICAN SERVANT," read under a wide-spreading tree in Virginia.*

A clergyman in Virginia writes, "I cannot speak too highly of this tract, which was first described to me by an old slave, who had formerly read it, and who begged me to get him one. Since then, I have made it a point to carry some copies of it with me; and have often witnessed its happy influence on the colored population. At one time, as I was riding, I saw a group of about 15 sitting under a tree and eating their homely fare. I asked them if they would like to hear an account of one of their own color who became religious. They consented, and I leaned against the tree, which spread out its branches far beyond us, and began to read. There was soon breathless attention. It was sultry noon-tide, and the leaves of the tree made no rustling. Sighs and groans were audible, though evidently suppressed; and tears coursing one after another down their sable cheeks, showed that the story of poor William had reached their hearts.

Such scenes, adds this clergyman, I have frequently witnessed. This very day, a poor man came several miles, and asked me for tracts, and especially for "The Negro's Experience." It is a luxury to distribute these unobtrusive messengers of love. Many of the friends of tracts know but half their value. A number of decided instances of conversion by their instrumentality have come to my knowledge. I have often felt that *what I have myself witnessed* of their effects, was enough to compensate for all the labor and money hitherto expended by the American Tract Society.

*Tracts used by a Clergyman whose voice had failed.*

The late Rev. Mr. Slater, of Jay, N. Y., for many months before he died, was unable, through an affection of the lungs, to preach, or even to speak more than a few words audibly to one who sat beside him. In these circumstances, a spirit of inquiry was awakened among many of his people, and he felt an almost irrepressible desire to preach to them, and converse faithfully with individuals. This, however, he could not do. He therefore provided himself with an extensive assortment of tracts, and as the inquiring came to his chamber, or his bedside, he would hear their narrative of the state of their minds, and then select the tract which, in his view, best met their case; commending it by gestures, or explanations of his wishes, made by his family; and thus the work went on; and he informed the writer he was not sure but he was thus more useful, than if he had fully enjoyed his accustomed health and strength of voice.

*Tract presented by a Lawyer.*

In a southern county of Eastern Virginia, says Rev. Mr. Hurlbut, Agent, an elderly widow lady sent for a pious lawyer to do some business for her. He came, transacted the business, and said to the lady he should make no charge. She expressed much gratitude for his kindness. "Madam," said the lawyer, "give me this testimony of your gratitude; take this tract and peruse it seriously," presenting her the tract "*Serious Thoughts on Eternity*." "O, sir," replied the lady, "I am getting old—I read but little—I think you had better not leave the tract."

The lawyer urged her to receive and read it. She did so. Some few weeks after, the lawyer attended a religious meeting in the same neighborhood. The meeting had closed, and the people were in the bustle of separation, when he discovered the old lady pressing her way through the crowd toward him. She came to him, and taking him by the arm, said, with tears, "Sir, I hope, through the mercy of God, the tract you urged upon my acceptance has proved the instrument of my conversion from sin to holiness."

## GERMANY.

*From Rev. J. G. Oncken, for the Lower Saxony Tract Society, Hamburg, dated Dec. 22, 1832.*

"Allow me to present the warmest thanks of our Committee to the Directors of the American Tract Society, for the assistance they have given us in our endeavors to proclaim to our perishing fellow-sinners that only name through which they can be saved, as also for the pleasing prospect held out to the Tract Society in this city, that, in future, renewed assistance may be expected. May it please the great Head of the Church to bless in an especial manner every tract which, at the expense of your Society, has been published and circulated among my poor, neglected countrymen, and in that day when Christ shall gather in his elect from the four winds of the earth, may it then be the happy, the blessed experience of your Society, to behold many among that glorious assembly, who shall testify that these little preachers of God's everlasting truth, were the means of convincing them of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment—of leading them to the fountain of living waters—to Christ Jesus.

"Though the weapons of our warfare are weak in themselves, and are especially contemptible in the eyes of men of the world in this country, yet, blessed be God, they are mighty through God, to the pulling down of the strong holds of Satan—hence we know that our labor will not be in vain in the Lord, but that in due time we shall reap, if we faint not.

"Of your tract No. 134, "*Reasons against Universalism*," we have printed 10,000; of "*Serious Thoughts on Eternity*," "*Sabbath Occupations*," "*Duty of Believing on the Son of God*," and "*Ye shall not surely die*," 5,000 each; of "*Peter Lacy*," 3,000; (the three last being translations from the London Society); of Legh Richmond's 3 tracts, 1,000 each."



*Religious Persecution.*

"The field of our operations is still extending, especially in the south of Germany, and much might be effected if our means were not so limited, for, instead of an increase of subscriptions from my German brethren, there are many who have withdrawn their scanty assistance. Among the 24 Lutheran ministers in this city, only three give annually a small subscription toward the support of our funds. The unholy and anti-scriptural alliance between Church and State in this country, is the greatest barrier to the preaching of the Gospel: only within the last few weeks I have been summoned several times to appear before the magistrate for holding religious conventicles, for which I have been again sentenced to pay a fine of 25 Hamburg dollars, and two of my brethren to pay each ten dollars. If the truth of God is therefore to be generally spread in this country, it can at present only be effected through evangelical tracts, and as this door still remains open to the Church of God for exerting its zeal in behalf of Germany, the present moment should be well employed. Most happy therefore would our Committee feel, if your respected Directors should make us another grant for 1833. Do for us what you can, dear brethren—rather for the thousands around us who never, never hear the Gospel of Christ, and who may pass into eternity with all their sins unpardoned, and perish forever. The members of our Committee desire me to present their christian and affectionate regards to the Directors of the American Tract Society, to which I join my own to yourself and them.

Your affectionate brother in the Gospel,

J. G. ORCEN.

## GLASGOW RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.

During the first year of this Society's operations, ending October, 1831, it printed 916,624 pages; purchased from London, Edinburgh, and Dublin Societies 2000,300; and circulated 1,918,000 pages, of which 618,000 were grants. Receipts £441 17s., (nearly \$2,000.)

## MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

From a letter of Mr. David Nasmith, dated Glasgow, Oct. 26, 1832.

"You will doubtless be pleased to learn that since my return upwards of sixty new Societies have been formed in the various places through which I have passed. Of these, *eighteen are for the monthly distribution of tracts*. These Societies are at present unitedly issuing more than *eighty thousand a month, or one million a year*. Some of them are likely to increase their issues considerably.

"In GLASGOW the number printed for circulation this month is *twenty-seven thousand*, and our distributors are near to, if not quite *five hundred* in number. Our Superintendents are chiefly *young men*—but they are entering on their work in a way that would delight you. From 12 to 20 of them meet every Thursday night for the purpose of special prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost,

and promoting the spirituality of each other. The whole meet monthly to relate all their difficulties and take counsel as to the best way of overcoming them."

The following printed documents have been kindly transmitted by Mr. Nasmith, viz:

Address of *Glasgow Society* for Monthly Tract Distribution.

do. *Edinburgh Society*, do. do.

do. *Faisley Society*, do. do.

do. *Dublin Society*, do. do.

With sundry cards, containing directions to distributors, &c. subscription books, &c.

### \$1,500 FOR BURMAH.

*From the Rev. Dr. Bolles, Secretary of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, acknowledging the reception of the above sum.*

It gives me great pleasure to state, that your obliging favor enclosing \$1500, was duly received, and this day laid before the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions. Whereupon it was

"Voted, That the cordial thanks of this Board be presented to the Managers of the American Tract Society, for their liberal appropriation of Fifteen Hundred Dollars to aid our Missionaries in their Tract operations in *Burma*."

Be assured, dear sir, we are sensibly affected by this co-operation. The enterprise in which we are engaged is great, and the facilities for its attainment, so far as presses and the means of distribution are concerned, are nearly all that could be wished; and should the public furnish sufficient funds, I see no reason why the whole land may not be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. Allow me still to hope that your Society, which has evinced so deep an interest in our labors, continue its efficient patronage. Desiring for you and your associates the blessing of God our Savior,

I remain your friend and brother,

LUCIUS BOLLES, *Cor. Sec.*

Rev. W. A. Hallock.

### AUXILIARY, PROVIDENCE, R. ISLAND.

Eighth Anniversary, Feb. 5. Paid during the year for tracts, \$553 98; sold to the value of \$268 15; circulated in monthly distribution 227,064 pages; delivered to members and Agents of City mission 14,898 pages.

Many encouraging facts have occurred, among which is the following:

*He turned back to exhort them to repent.*

A distributor in Cranston found in one house eight young persons, whose conversation was very far from religion. He gave them a tract and left them. After he had gone a short distance, he felt that he had not done all his duty. He returned. When he went in again, he introduced the subject of religion and exhorted them to repent,

and then, without asking consent, kneeled down and prayed with them. A short time afterward he called there again, and saw nearly all the same company; he conversed and prayed with them again, and four of them appeared anxious for their souls. Soon after that he appointed a prayer meeting in the neighborhood; at the meeting nine persons requested prayers, and seven have since obtained a hope in Christ.

#### UTICA BRANCH TRACT SOCIETY.

Seventh Annual Report. The field of this Branch embraces 16 counties, about 14,000 square miles, and more than 500,000 souls. Nine counties have been wholly or partially visited during the year; and in most parts of them societies have been formed for the monthly distribution. Within the field of the Branch more than 2,000,000 pages have been circulated during the year; and \$3,378 70 raised for the tract cause, of which \$1825 have been remitted in donations to the Parent Society, chiefly for foreign lands.

The report speaks with great interest of the system of *christian effort in connection with the monthly Tract-distribution*, as being among the most useful of all departments of benevolence, where the *Tract Missionary* labors with ardent love to souls, and as one that must give an account—but as always languishing where the life of piety has departed, and Christians' hearts have grown cold and languid. Where the system has been commenced merely by leaving a tract at every door, and soon relinquished, it has been found difficult to revive it, and to rouse Christians to the spirituality of the work. But where distributors have wept and prayed, as they have proceeded, conversing affectionately with those to whom they have access—where they have been present and united in the monthly prayer-meeting, their labors have almost invariably been attended with a blessing.

It is believed the interest in the Tract cause is increasing within the field of the Branch; and that it requires, in addition to the labors of one Agent, who is a preacher, a faithful layman to visit and carry out the system, in the smaller and more destitute towns. A number of cheering instances of good accomplished are reported, which we have not room to insert.

#### YOUNG MEN'S TRACT SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Receipts the last year, \$250 81. The weekly prayer-meetings, conducted by the Society, have been in operation through the year. Several who had neglected the sanctuary, have been induced to attend; and some have hopefully fled to Christ as the only refuge for sinners. Among the latter are *two young men*, and *two young ladies*, who give pleasing evidence of having passed from death unto life.

##### *Worthy of Imitation.*

A female monthly tract distributor in Philadelphia, finding many who could not read, and that much of her time was occupied by reading the tracts to individuals, established, with a female friend, a *weekly reading meeting* in her district, which was opened with singing and prayer; and which about 15 persons, chiefly adults, have attended, apparently with deep feeling and interest.

## FEMALE AUXILIARY, ALEXANDRIA, D. C.

The Third Annual Report, presented in December, shows that the labors of this Society have been prosecuted with a good degree of fidelity during the year. They have had the assistance, in some of their districts, of members of the Episcopal Theological Seminary; and of gentlemen of Alexandria, in distributing to the sailors. Receipts during the year \$216 19; remitted to the Parent Society \$ 107 19, for tracts, and \$ 100, as a donation. Several individuals have been found to discover much tenderness on the subject of religion; and *one female*, through the labors of the tract visitors, was brought to the house of God, which she had not attended for years, and is now apparently a decided christian.

## ST. LOUIS CITY TRACT SOCIETY.

Second Report for 1833. Its prominent object is the monthly distribution in St. Louis; 122,920 pages having been distributed during the year, at an expense of \$81 95, which has been contributed mostly by the individuals actively engaged as distributors. Average distribution for each month, 800 tracts of 15 pages each.

The report is a well written document, and contains an able vindication of this system of benevolence, calculated at once to disarm its opponents and animate its friends. Very cheering evidences of good have been apparent. By the tract "*Quench not the Spirit*," many were induced to attend to the salvation of their souls; and by other tracts and the labors of distributors, the Gospel has been carried to the abodes of infamy, want, and affliction. The vicious have been reclaimed, and many induced to seek the pearl of great price.

Many *Tract Missionaries* have found the work so refreshing to their own souls, as to be unwilling on any consideration to relinquish it; while too many professed Christians have been apparently indifferent to its success.

The authenticity of the Narrative Tracts is maintained on the authority of the Committee of the Parent Society; and the propriety of offering a message of eternal truth in a kind manner to all, to be received or rejected according to their pleasure, is considered to be unquestionable.

## ACTION AND RE-ACTION.

A letter from Prattsburgh, N. Y., says, Our collection on the second Sabbath in November, by recommendation of the Synod of Geneva, consisted of \$ 66 in cash, *a pair of silver spectacles, a pair of gold ear jewels, a gold ring, and a string of gold beads*. I rejoice that your appeal has not been made in vain, not only because of the aid to your treasury, but as it is *waking up in the Churches a spirit of benevolence and self-denial*. Nothing is more evident, than that our benevolent institutions are an efficient *means of grace* to those by whom they are supported—directly promoting their own spiritual benefit. The Tract Society has obtained a strong hold on our affections. We regard it as at least an emblem of "*the tree of life*," which the apostle

saw in vision, which "bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

---

*From an Old Soldier.*

Having unexpectedly obtained, by a late law of Congress, a full pension as a soldier and sergeant in the Revolutionary War, I hereby consecrate one-fifth part of it for the extension of the kingdom of our blessed Lord among the heathen—\$25 to the Bible, and \$15 to her powerful Auxiliary the Tract Society. That many brother soldiers may be stimulated to aid the same cause, is my prayer.

---

TO JUDGES AND REGISTERS OF PROBATE.

An "Old Judge of Probate," feeling a deep concern for the fatherless, has been instrumental in the publication of a Tract by the American Tract Society (No. 127, pp. 12) addressed *To a Guardian*, which is also perpetuated by his liberality. The civil law enables the proper tribunals to secure the *property* of the fatherless to a considerable extent—the object of the Tract is to inculcate upon Guardians the *moral and religious obligations* they owe to their Wards. "I cannot but flatter myself," says this Judge, "that the benevolence of the several Judges and Registers of Probate will induce them to aid in the circulation of the Tract."

We would also suggest that Christians, acquainted with officers of Probate Courts, would further this excellent design, by furnishing them with copies of this Tract, to be placed in the hands of Guardians.

---

TRACTS WANTED FOR PERSONS ENGAGED ON CANALS, &c.

A gentleman intimately acquainted with a portion of the Erie Canal, thus writes:

Are there not those who have the heart and mind, and who can be induced to prepare some tracts, in the form of handbills or otherwise, adapted to the following classes: viz.

1. *Merchants*; on the subject of having their freighting business so transacted, that neither forwarders nor boatmen shall be required to *violate the Sabbath* on their account.

2. *Boatmen and Drivers*.

3. *Emigrants, or passengers*; showing their *dangers*, as away from home and acquaintances; and also their *duties*.

On the Erie Canal alone, there are from 8,000 to 10,000 boatmen and drivers, and from 140,000 to 150,000 passengers, during the season of canal navigation, exclusive of those who travel in packets.

J. B. S.

---

JUST ISSUED.

THE LIFE OF REV. DAVID BRAINERD; chiefly extracted from his *Diary*. By President Edwards. Somewhat abridged. Embracing, in the chronological order, BRAINERD'S PUBLIC JOURNAL of the most success-

*ful year of his Missionary labors*—360 pp. 18 mo.—Price 32 cents in sheep.

"It is a striking characteristic of the life of *Brainerd*, from the time of his entering on the study of Theology till his death, that he *daily* "walked with God," or mourned the absence of the light of his countenance. President Edwards has endeavored to exhibit the state of his mind *each day*, as described in his diary. In this edition, many passages thus inserted by Edwards, especially such as much resembled those preceding or following, have been omitted."

It is hoped the issuing of this inestimable work in a cheap and attractive form, will be a means of extending its circulation, and diffusing the spirit of *Missions, and personal and active piety*, so eminently combined in the life of this precious man.

No. 275. *THE AMIABLE LOUISA. FROM ABBOTT'S YOUNG CHRISTIAN*—pp. 8. This is a most affecting narrative of a young lady, who "wished to live a gay and merry life till just before her death, and then become pious and die happy;" and who grieved the Holy Spirit, and died after a short illness, without hope.

No. 276. *SCRIPTURE ARGUMENT FOR TEMPERANCE. BY REV. AUSTIN DICKINSON*—pages 16. This tract is a very pungent and thrilling appeal to the conscience, abundantly sustained throughout by considerations drawn from the word of God. Large editions will be immediately printed; and could it be placed in every family in the country, great good might be expected.

#### PREMIUM TRACT ON WAR—TIME EXTENDED.

At a meeting of the Committee for the examination of manuscripts for the premium of \$ 100 for the best Tract on *The duty of Christians to do what they can to abolish the custom of War*, it was unanimously resolved, that while a number of the Tracts submitted to their inspection possess considerable merit, yet, in their judgment, none of them possess that high character which entitles them to the premium offered for a tract on this important subject. The time of presentation is therefore extended to the *first day of November next*. In the opinion of the Committee, any other than a tract of superior character on this great subject would probably prejudice the cause it might be designed to promote.

GARDINER SPRING,	} Examining Committee.
ELIHU W. BALDWIN,	
CHARLES G. SOMMERS,	
S. V. S. WILDER,	

New-York, April, 1833.

N. B. It is a condition of the Premium, that the Tract comprise not less than 12, nor more than 24 pages, and that it be adopted by the Committee of the American Tract Society.

The manuscript may be addressed to Rev. Seth Bliss, 5 Cornhill, Boston; or WILLIAM A. HALLOCK, 150 Nassau St., N. York.

# RECEIPTS

## INTO THE TREASURY OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

During the month ending April 15, 1833.

### FROM AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETIES.

	For Tr.	Dona.
VER.—Kingston Reuben Jenne, Secretary.	\$ 1 00	
St. Alban's, Female, Theodore W. Smith, Depositary,	28 00	
MASS.—Stockbridge, Bela Turner, Treasurer,	5 98	
CONN.—Brooklyn, (Windham Co. Aux.) Edwin Newbury, Agent,	8 98	
Colchester, Col. Guy Bigelow, Agent,	4 98	
Hartford, Conn. Branch, C. Hosmer, Secretary,	125 00	
Lyme, 1st Society, Oliver I. Lay, Treasurer,	2 79	7 62
Milford, Samuel Higby, A. ent,	5 40	
New-Haven, J. L. Cross, Agent,	1 60	
North Stonington, Rev. Joseph Ayres, Agent,	1 04	
Norwalk, Alfred Mallory,	14 98	
Sharon, David Gould, Treasurer,	2 57	
Southington, Chauncey Buck, Secretary,	9 20	
Stratford, Capt. Asa Curtis, Agent,	2 76	
Walcott, Lucius Tuttle, Treasurer,	2 72	
NEW-YORK.—Albany, Central Branch, D. McKercher, Secretary,	49 00	
Almond, Female, Mrs. Cady, Agent,	4 08	
Andes, Delaware Co. Female, E. Webb, Secretary,	30 00	
Auburn, H. Ivson, Treasurer,	5 04	
Blenheim, Rev. William Salisbury, Treasurer,	1 00	
Brownwick, Ulster Co. Moses J. Decker, Secretary,	80 00	
Buffalo, J. C. Meek, Treasurer,	1 08	
Bullhuck, Orange Co. J. Little, Agent,	8 20	
Cairo, Greene Co.	4 17	
Castile,	7 99	8 00
Chenango Forks, Female, Mrs. R. Stevens, Treasurer,	1 21	
Dashville Falls, Female,	5 57	
Davenport, Azor Smith, Agent,	16 80	
East Bloomfield, J. Porter, Agent,	2 48	
Esopus, Dr. Wheeler, Treasurer,	80	10 00
Fishkill Landing, Miss M. W. Teller, Secretary, (For Jerusalem),	1 12	
Flatlands, L. I. Female,	5 00	
Fulton, Peter M. Brost, Treasurer,	2 66	
Ghent, Female, M. W. Wynkoop, Secretary,	1 84	
Goshen, Orange Co. Dr. J. S. Crane, Treasurer,	4 66	
Gravesend, Female, Mrs. Stryker, Treasurer,	9 00	9 00
Hillside, Columbia Co. Henry Jacobus, Treasurer,	10 00	
Hopewell, in Fishkill, Mrs. Anna K. Swartwout, Treasurer,	1 08	
Hudson, (Columbia Co. Aux.) W. Rockwell,	3 21	
Huntington,	9 74	9 48
Jamaica, L. I., James Rider, Treasurer,	2 00	
Livonia, Female, Sarah Beecher, Agent,	6 80	
Marlborough, Ulster Co. Rev. J. H. Leggett, Agent,	9 78	
Middletown, Orange Co., Dr. D. Hanford, Agent,	50	
Montgomery, Orange Co. Miss Margaret Hunter, Secretary,	4 94	
Mount Pleasant, Sing Sing, Caleb Willis, Treasurer,	280 00	
New Windsor, Orange Co. James H. Thomas, Agent,	10 00	
New-York City Tract Society, Alfred Edwards, Treasurer,	45 00	
Oxford, Chenango Co. Female, L. G. Abell, Secretary,	68 25	
Potsdam, St. Lawrence Co. William W. Goulding, Agent,	96	
Rochester, Monroe Co. Levi A. Ward, Treasurer,	1 02	
Rye, Female, Miss Susan Doggett, Secretary,	10 00	2 62
Sweet Hollow, in Huntington, L. I.	124 37	
Teghganick, Columbia Co.	9 62	8 81
Tompinville, Staten Island, Mrs. Ann K. Miller, Treasurer,	11 01	
Ulica, Edward Vernon, Secretary,	56	
Walton, Delaware Co. Female, Miss Hannah N. Seymour, Treasurer,	28	
West Town, and Unionville, Orange Co. Sylvester Austin, Treasurer,	2 60	
Williamburg, L. I. Mr. Meserole, Treasurer,	6 43	
Yorktown, Westchester Co. Simeon B. Johnson, Treasurer,	4 24	
NEW JERSEY.—Bellefonte, William Stevens, Secretary,	4 00	
Bloomfield, Juvenile, Z. B. Dodd, Treasurer,	1 50	
Boundbrook, George Winsor, Treasurer,	3 26	50
Caldwell, Female,	2 28	
Liberty Corner, William Annin, Treasurer,	7 23	
Milstone, Mrs. Peter Bate, Treasurer,	18 00	
Morristown, Mrs. G. C. Allen, Treasurer,	9 00	
Newark, Mrs. Sarah M. Graham, Treasurer,	8 40	
New-Brunswick, Abraham Boydham, Treasurer,	10 80	
Peapack Plains, Female, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Treasurer,	4 84	
Somerville, Female, Mrs. Ann M. Griffith, Treasurer,	8 00	
Springfield, Elijah Stiles, Treasurer,	18	8 00
Woodbrides, Female, Mrs. H. B. Barton, Secretary,	147 00	2 08
PENNSYLVANIA.—Centre,	111 00	
Mercer, Mercer Co.	40 00	
New Wilmington, (Young People's Aux.)		
Philadelphia Branch, Rev. Joel T. Benedict, Gen. Agent,		
Warren, Warren, Co. William P. McDowall, Secretary,		
MARYLAND.—Baltimore Branch, Carter A. Hall, Esq. Treasurer,		
Hagerstown, Female, Helen C. Annin, Secretary,		

# RECEIPTS.

59

	For	Ty.	Dons.
D. C.—Alexandria, Female, Mrs. E. S. Ladd, Cor. Sec.	66	00	
VIRGINIA.—Farmville, Ma). John Rice, Treasurer,	50	54	
Petersburg, C. F. James, Secretary,	12	42	
Plagah, Bedford Co. John Leftwick, Treasurer,			5 00
St. George's Parish, Accomack Co. Mrs. Maria S. Joyner, President,	5	00	
Winchester, Daniel Guld, Treasurer,	97	00	90 00
NORTH-CAROLINA.—Greensborough, (Gulford Co. Aux.)	5	00	
Louisburgh, Female, Mrs. Harriet S. Bobbitt, Secretary,	195	00	
S. CAROLINA.—Charleston, S. C. Branch, D. W. Harrison, Gen. Agent,	274	50	
GEORGIA.—Augusta, Benjamin Hall, Treasurer,	90	00	
ALABAMA.—Florence,	73	00	
Huntsville, John J. Coleman, Esq. Agent,	68	72	
Mobile, George E. Hult, Treasurer,	75	75	
MISS.—Natchez, Mississippi Branch, Franklin Beaumont, Agent,	775	08	
LA.—New-Orleans, Board of Agency, William W. Caldwell, Treasurer,	79	00	
KENTUCKY.—Lexington, Female, Luther Stephens, Agent,	2	00	
OHIO.—Cleveland, Benjamin Rouse, Depository,	6	00	
Chillicothe, Joseph Jones, Treasurer,	200	37	
Cincinnati, Henry B. Funk, Treasurer,	7	00	
Columbus, Female, Mrs. Jane Osborn, Treasurer,	2	00	
Greensburgh, Trumbull Co.,	100	00	
MISSOURI.—St. Louis, Woodbridge S. Olmsted, Treasurer,			

## SOCIETIES NOT AUXILIARY.

R. ISLAND.—Newport, First Cong'l Church, William Guld, Secretary,	1	50	5 00
CONNECTICUT.—Branford, Female Tract Society,			10 50
N. YORK.—New-Utrecht, L. I. Female Bible, Missionary and Tract Society,			
Mrs. Catharine Knapp, Treasurer,	3	41	
St. Lawrence Co. Sunday School Union, John W. Smith, Agent,	14	50	
PENN.—Philadelphia, Youth's Tract Society, John Sparhawk, Secretary,	10	00	
VIRGINIA.—Falling Water, Cong. Berkley Co.,			87 72
Leesburg, Loudon Co.,			2 00
SOUTH-CAROLINA.—Beaufort, John I. Smith, Agent,	40	00	
Hamburg, Joseph Mulligan, Pres. \$ 23 for China, and \$ 5 for Burmah,			98 00
ILLINOIS.—Embaras, Charleston P. O. Colts Co. John King, Secretary,			1 35
Big Creek, Clark Co. (for Burmah),			4 75
MISSOURI.—New Providence,	1	75	
Round Prairie,	4	06	
NOVA SCOTIA.—Halifax, Rev. Edmund A. Crawley, Secretary,	40	00	
TRACTS sold at the Depository, to individuals, (including \$ 169 68 from Traveling Agents,	572	30	
Cash for Horse,	88	25	

## Directors for Life.

CONN.—Litchfield, Hon. Benjamin Tallmadge, 5th instalment on subscription of Connecticutensis, \$100 00			
NEW-YORK.—Fairfield, Otsego Co. Rev. Oren Hyde, by Presbyterian Congregation, (in full of \$ 50.) (For. Dis.)	80	00	
Upper Red Hook, Robert Gosman Esq.	50	00	
D. C.—Washington City, Walter Lowrie, Esq. (For. Dis.)	100	00	
GEORGIA.—Augusta, Rev. Samuel S. Davis, by six Ladies, Presbyterian Church,	50	00	
Savannah, Rev. Willard Preston, by ladies of the Independent Church,	50	00	
ALABAMA.—Mobile, Rev. James R. Johnston, by ladies,	50	31	
MISS.—Natchez, Gabriel Ticeboer, Esq. (For. Dis.)	50	00	
Thomas Henderson, Esq. (For. Dis.)	50	00	
LA.—New-Orleans, Rev. John M. Harris, by ladies, 2d Presb. Church,	50	00	
Piquemines, Rev. D. D. Chesnut, by himself,	50	00	
MEXICO, James B. Thompson, Third emptying of 1st Miss. Box in Mexico, by hands of Alfred Edwards,	50	00	

## Members for Life.

VER.—Bennington, Mrs. Adaline Swift, by her husband, E. H. Swift,	20	00	
MASS.—Granby, West Parish, Mrs. Clarissa Smith, by her husband, Mr. David Smith,	20	00	
CONN.—Canterbury, Rev. Dennis Platt, by his church and congregation, (in full of \$ 20.)	10	00	
Greenwich, Rev. Isaac Lewis, D. D.			
by hands of Z. Lewis, Esq.			\$20 00
Jewett City, Samuel C. Morgan, Esq. (in full of \$ 20.)			5 00
Middletown, Rev. Wm. H. Beecher, by Henry S. Ward,			25 00
North Killingly, Rev. William Bushnell, by his church and congregation, (in full of \$ 50.)			30 00
NEW-YORK.—Bloomingsburgh, Abraham V. W. Van Vechten, by his father, (in part of \$ 20.)			5 00
Catskill, Rev. John Dowling, by ladies of the Baptist Church, through the Aux. Tract Society, Catskill, (for Burmah.)			20 00
Mattawean, near Fishkill, Mrs. Margaret Schenck,			20 00
New Stockbridge, Madison Co. Rev. David M. Smith, by his church and congregation, (for China.)			20 00
New-York City, Frances L. Brewster, by her father, Lemuel Brewster, (in full of \$ 20.)			10 00
Mary T. Brewster, by do.			20 00
Eleanor C. Brewster, by do.			20 00
William Forrest, Jun. by his father, Norwich, Truman Enos, Esq.			20 00
Oxford, Chenango Co. Mrs. Minerva Franklin, by Female Aux. Tract Society,			20 00
Pompey, Rev. A. Huntington, (in part of \$ 20.)			10 00
Rome, William Jarvis, by J. B. Jarvis, Truxton, Cordell Co. Rev. Caleb Clark, by his church and congregation, (For. Dis.)			20 00
NEW-JERSEY.—Orange, Rev. George Pierson, by Female Benevolent Society, 2d Presb. Church,			20 00
PENN.—Erie, Mrs. Elizabeth Colt,			20 00



DEL.—Wilmington, Rev. Robert Adair,  
by his church and congregation, 20 50  
VIR.—Leesburg, Rev. George Adie, by  
ladies, 20 00  
MISS.—Natchez, Franklin Beaumont,  
Esq. (For Dis.) 20 00  
Mrs. Anna D. Postlethwaite, (For  
Dis.) 20 00

*Annual Directors.*

PENN.—Erie, Miss Emily Marvin, 5 00  
Meadville, John Reynolds, Esq. 5 00  
Mercer, Andrew Paterson, 5 00  
Mrs. H. Paterson, 5 00  
VIR.—Eastville, William G. Smith, for  
1832, 1833, 10 00  
GEORGIA.—Washington, Rev. Jesse  
Mercer, *Vice President*, for 1831,  
1832, 1833, 15 00

*Annual Members.*

N. Y.—Lansing, Tompkins Co. Theo-  
dore Cuyler, 2 00  
NEW-JERSEY.—Orange, Barney N.  
Powles, 2 00  
FENN.—Erie, J. C. Spencer, 2 00  
Meadville, Joseph Morrison, Esq., 2 00  
Unio, Francis B. Gray, 2 00

*Other Donations.*

New-England, A Friend, for South-  
Eastern Asia, by Rev. Joshua Leavitt,  
MASS.—Plainfield, Mrs. Margaret Hal-  
lock, 1 00  
Ridgbury, Daniel Benedict, 1 00  
CONN.—Middletown, An Old Soldier of  
the Revolution, in part of pension,  
Milford, Scholars, (For the Heathen,)  
A Friend, (For Burmah,) 10 00  
New Canaan, Friends to Tract So-  
ciety, 4 50  
North Killingly, Church and Congre-  
gation of Rev. William Bushnell, 4 07  
NEW-YORK.—Unknown Friend, 4 50  
Angusta, Onida Co. Samuel Moss, 8 00  
Winthrop H. Chandler, 10 00  
Bainbridge, Presb. Society, (For Dis.) 5 00  
Bethlem, Orange Co. Congregation,  
(For Dis.) 10 00  
Bloomingburgh, Female Friends, by  
Rev. S. Van Vechten, 9 00  
Buskirk's Bridge, Washington Co. Dr.  
P. V. N. Morris, by C. Lyman, Troy,  
Canton, Mrs. Pringle, 1 00  
Columbia, Subscription, 13 35  
Cooperstown, Dr. Thomas Fuller, 5 00  
Delhi, Delaware Co. Second Presb.  
Congregation Society, 6 56  
East Bloomfield, J. Porter, 5 00  
East Stockholm, Butler Hubbard,  
Fabius, Child, 75  
Gilbertsville, Otsego Co. Church and  
Congregation, by Rev. E. C. Good-  
rich, (For Dis.) 02  
Governor, Contribution, 14 31  
Female Juvenile Society, 14 17  
Hopkinton, Individuals, (For Dis.) 1 46  
Jamesville, Onondaga Co. Congrega-  
tion, (For China,) 1 87  
Lisbon, Ashiel Sykes, 19 29  
Louisville, Des. Sanburn, 4 00  
Lower Norfolk, Individuals, 50  
Madison, Otsego Co. church and con-  
gregation, by Rev. Mr. Foot, (For  
Dis.) 1 50  
Mayville, Chautauque Co., church and  
Congregation of Rev. E. H. Stratton,  
(For Dis.) 6 64  
Middletown, L. I., Rev. Ezra King,  
New York City, Franklin Knight,  
Individuals, Laight-st. Church, D. E.

Paton, Esq. Treasurer, \$121 00  
Ref. Dutch Church, Greenwich Vil-  
lage, 23 94  
A Friend, \$5, A Lady \$3, A Friend  
\$30 84, 8 84  
Ogdensburg, Widow's Mite, 1 00  
Ontario, Wayne Co., Collection, 4 80  
Pompey, Onondaga Co., Congrega-  
tion, 19 29  
Potsdam, Contribution at Anniversary,  
do. Subscription, 14 46  
Rochester, Monroe Co., Third Presb.  
Church, (For Dis.) 23 65  
Salisbury, Orange Co. Sabbath School,  
(For Dis.) 88 34  
Schenectady, Naomi Brigden, (de-  
ceased), 2 00  
South Canton, Individuals, 10 00  
Tyrone, Steuben Co., Presb. church  
and congregation, (For Dis.) 2 06  
Vernon Centre, Oneida Co., 10 00  
Walden, Delaware Co. Benevolent As-  
sociation, John S. Coleman, 6 01  
West Bloomfield, Congregational Ch.,  
(For Dis.) 5 10  
Westfield, Chautauque Co. church and  
congregation, (For Dis.) 25 00  
Yorktown, Congregational Church,  
collected at Monthly Concert, (For  
Dis.) 17 00  
NEW-JERSEY.—Freehold, Monmouth  
Co., 1st Presbyterian Society, 38 19  
Newark, Third Presbyterian Congre-  
gation, 85 85  
Orange, Miss Ruth Austin,  
Somerville, Thomas Talmage, a part  
of pension allowed him by Congress,  
as a Soldier in the Revolutionary  
War, (For Dis.) 1 00  
PENN.—Centreville, Miss Rebecca  
Chase, 50  
Conniantes, Individuals, 1 00  
Hopewell, George Montelth, (1-2 for  
Burmah,) 50  
Little Boys, (For the Heathen,) 11  
Meadville, Individuals, 25 07  
Mercer, Mercer Co. Individuals, 18 53  
Philadelphia, Mrs. Margaret Car-  
well, \$10, B. N. Lewis, 50 cts., 10 50  
Powerstown, Alexander Powers, 1 50  
Somerhill, James Beatty, 50  
Woodcock, James Dickson, 1 00  
DELAWARE.—Wilmington, Church in  
Hanover street, 85 50  
VIR.—Portsmouth, Richard Carney, 5 00  
Richmond, Female Friends, (For Cey-  
lon,) 50 00  
S. CAROLINA.—Beaufort, Stephen El-  
liot, Esq., 5 00  
GEORGIA.—St. Mary's, Arthur Smith, 5 00  
ALABAMA.—Mobile, Platt Bull, \$5,  
E. P. Dickinson \$3, 8 00  
Whitesburg, Madison Co., Mrs. Eliza-  
beth Gardiner, 2 00  
MISS.—Natchez, Sundry benevolent in-  
dividuals, 272 00  
TENN.—Pulaski, Giles Co., Andrew M.  
Ballantine, 10 00  
KENTUCKY.—Springfield, Washing-  
ton Co. O. M. Hogland, (For Dis.) 50

The above list contains donations—  
For Foreign Distribution, (including  
\$40 for Burmah, \$72 29 for China,  
\$50 for Ceylon, \$37 50 for S. East-  
ern Asia, \$10 for Jerusalem, and  
\$1 11 for the Heathen,) 832 00

Whole amount of Donations, 2,530 65  
Received for Tracts sold, 4,521 12

Total, 7,051 77

# THE AMERICAN Tract Magazine.

---

VOL. VIII.

JUNE, 1833.

NO. 6.

---

## EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

---

The Eighth Annual Meeting of this Society was held in the Chatham-street Chapel, New-York, May 8, 1833, at 10 o'clock A. M. The President, S. V. S. WILDER, Esq. took the Chair, supported by Hon. STEPHEN VAN RENSSELAER, Vice-President, and Rev. JAMES MILNOR, D. D. Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Prayer having been offered by Rev. William Stimpson, of the Baptist Church, Huntingdonshire, England, a brief introductory Address was made by the President, when the Treasurer's Report was presented by Mr. MOSES ALLEN, and the Annual Report by WILLIAM A. HALLOCK, Corresponding Secretary.

The following Resolutions were then presented, and unanimously adopted, viz.

On motion of Rev. Gilbert R. Livingston, D. D. of the Reformed Dutch Church, Philadelphia; seconded by Rev. Theodore Edson, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Lowell, Massachusetts;

*Resolved*, That the Report now read be adopted, and published under the direction of the Executive Committee; and that this Society render thanks to God for the encouraging facts it details—the liberal contributions made—the Christian labors performed—and the blessing of the Holy Spirit, which has rendered the Society's publications and efforts effectual in turning sinners to himself.

On motion of Rev. John W. Chickering, of the Evangelical Congregational Church, Bolton, Massachusetts; seconded by Rev. Dr. Miller, Professor in the Theological Seminary, Princeton, New-Jersey;

*Resolved*, That the wants of our country, together with the facilities afforded through this Society for a wide and general diffusion of evangelical truth, constitute an imperious claim upon *able writers* to furnish new and appropriate Tracts suited to enlighten the mind, alarm the conscience, and promote the salvation of men.

On motion of Rev. John S. Stone, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Boston; seconded by Rev. George A. Hartman, of the Moravian Church, Staten Island, New-York;

*Resolved*, That the great benefits resulting from the establishment of *local agencies* throughout our country present a strong claim upon qualified men, who have consecrated themselves to the work of spreading the Gospel, to engage in these self-denying labors; and upon the friends of the Redeemer to furnish the requisite pecuniary means, and to give their cordial and vigorous co-operation.

On motion of Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen, Newark, New-Jersey; seconded by Rev. Henry G. Ludlow, of the Presbyterian Church, New-York;

*Resolved*, That the success which has attended *Christian effort in connection with Tract distribution*, gives evidence that this system may become, by the divine blessing, one of the most useful of all the departments of Christian benevolence; and calls upon the pastors and qualified members of the churches for their personal efforts in giving it a wise direction, and securing to it the utmost efficiency.

Rev. Dr. Milnor here read interesting letters from Rev. Messrs. Goodell and Dwight, and Rev. Mr. Shaffier, Missionaries at Constantinople; the two former laboring with especial reference to the Armenians, the latter to the Jews; stating that they were just commencing Tract operations in various languages, and were greatly in need of the Society's aid.

On motion of Rev. Spencer H. Cone, of the Baptist Church, New-York; seconded by Rev. Eli Smith, of the Mediterranean Mission;

*Resolved*, That while this Society express their grateful acknowledgments to God for enabling them to transmit, during the past year, the sum of *Ten Thousand Dollars* for the printing and distribution of Tracts in Foreign and Pagan lands, we feel solemnly bound not to relax our efforts until, by his continued blessing and the help of his people, ALL of every nation to whom he shall open the way of access shall be supplied with Tracts, and brought to the knowledge of Christ.

On motion of Rev. C. C. Cuyler, D. D. of the Reformed Dutch Church, Poughkeepsie, seconded by Rev. Samuel Hutchings, Missionary to Ceylon, the officers of the Society for the ensuing year

were elected; and the exercises were closed by singing the *Doxology*, and the Apostolical benediction by Rev. Dr. Milnor.

A sweet solemnity pervaded the large audience, composed of Christians of many different names, but assembled "with one accord, in one place," for a great object, dear to all. From time to time the tear started in hundreds of eyes, as different exhibitions were presented of God's blessing upon the Society, and of the duties of ministers and members of the churches, in respect to our own country and pagan lands. Agreeably to an arrangement of the President, each individual, on retiring from the house, was presented with a select Tract.

The meeting was addressed in an impressive manner, by Rev. Mr. Chickering, Rev. Mr. Stone, Mr. Frelinghuysen, and Rev. Mr. Cone, with brief remarks from Rev. Mr. Ludlow, and Rev. Mr. Smith.

Rev. Mr. CHICKERING said, It has pleased God to commit to American Christians the interests of a great nation, and not among the least of the agencies by which those interests are promoted is the American Tract Society. I did not rise to extol this Society. She needs no letters of commendation from us. She has nobler epistles in her praise, not written with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, known and read of all men. She is known by her fruits; and she is destined, we believe, to hold the forces of hell in check, till the forces of heaven are marshalled under the Prince of Peace.

But if we owe *gratitude* to God for this Society, we owe something more—*co-operation*,—faithful, diligent, untiring, in every way which the Providence of God may point out. *New and appropriate Tracts* are needed. The collection on your shelves, I hesitate not to say, is the best the world ever saw; but there is a vast mine of materials for Tracts yet unexplored: there are themes of soul-stirring interest that have never yet been touched—that lie embodied in the minds of ministers, lawyers, physicians, and others; facts that have occurred in the history of individuals, or in the developments of modern revivals, which only need to be brought to the light of day, to shed abroad and perpetuate a hallowed influence.

Your Society, Mr. President, has a *claim* on ministers; and on behalf of my brethren I thank you for the aid you give us in strengthening our hands and encouraging our hearts. A student, three or four years since, on a short excursion in the state of Maine, looking from the window of his lodgings on Saturday afternoon, saw a large company assembled around the dram-shop. He learned they were accustomed to assemble there weekly on that afternoon. He went out among them—and, in this very anti-chamber of hell, obtained nearly four dollars in subscriptions for Tracts. The Tracts came—they opened the way for the young missionary; he went on foot sixteen miles and back, once in two weeks, for six months, to feed that flock in the wilderness. Several of these drunkards were reclaimed—and *sixteen souls* hopefully converted to Christ, forming the germ of a church, which now lives and flourishes; and this brother said to

days since, "*The Tracts* did the work; I preached on the \_\_\_\_\_, and they preached through the week." Sir, we can all say so. We preach on the Sabbath—these colleagues of ours preach through the week.

Our Lord's command is upon all of us to go and preach the Gospel—some abroad—some at home—some indeed by proxy—but no one has a right to conclude his duty is done till he has considered whether he can *write a Tract himself*, or *furnish means to one who can*. Some incident or private history may have come under his observation—some happy thought sprung up in his mind—he may have discovered some dairyman's cottage, or (if the president will permit the allusion) some "village in the mountains," from which an influence may proceed through him to bless and save thousands of dying men.

Hon. Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN said, Sir, there never has been a time when moral influences were more needed, or promised happier results. The human mind seems to be quickened on every subject into an almost *intense activity* and energy. In politics—sciences—all the arts—in the facilities of communicating instruction—of commercial intercourse—the world is in high-wrought motion. It is no longer the march—it has become almost the *rush* of mind. The wheels are not merely *in motion*—they *whirl* in their course of improvement; and, sir, the natural tendency of all this is, to downright worldliness, to the dissipation of all serious reflection and sober thought—men *are so hurried*, that if we do not in very deed get ahead of them, or follow close upon their ears with higher and better counsels, they will drive on to death with hurried footsteps, and never stop to think, until thought shall surprise and confound them in the world of despair. What so appropriate—what influences so fitted to reach the exigency, as your sacred agency? Send on these winged messengers of truth and duty, to overtake the world in its flight. It might not stop for a Bible; it might turn in scorn away from the preacher; when a little page of the Tract would successfully sue for its notice, and plant a thought in its heart that no haste, nor distance, nor time could eradicate.

Our encouragement arises from the fact that the truth is simple—not so much a moral abstraction, as a few *great facts*. They require no labored argumentation. The world may take them along with it. Take a single illustration: "It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment." Why, if you were seriously to set about the demonstration of it, the great mass of mankind would deride the attempt as a useless waste of time; and yet that very community hate to hear the fact—they hurry away from it. They dread the Bible, among other reasons, because they know its pages will flash its reality upon them, if they only open them. Sir, it cannot always be evaded; there are seasons when it will be heard; no press of business can put it aside—it demands an audience at the *midnight hour*—it follows us to the retirement of the chamber, and sometimes peals in thunder upon the soul, How shall I meet my Maker in the judgment?

*Fashion*, in all its vanity, *must listen*. It is a practical and sober concernment—it will break through all the scorn and ribaldry that would quench or repel it, and stand in all its tremendous claims upon the soul.

Your Tracts will perform this wholesome business in ten thousand forms—will wake up the anxious inquiry, and bear the solution of it to multitudes. The Gospel is not designed merely for the schools and the cloister, but for the *counter* and the *shop*, the *sail-boat* and the *rail-car*. "He who runs may read. The *way-faring* man, though a fool, need not err." Sir, this Scripture *looked* to this day. The Tract is the *way-faring man's Bible*; the only one he will read. Religion well becomes the counting-room, the office, and the shop. I wish the world would give it a fair experiment; but it turns away in scorn from the blessed Gospel, denounces religion as morose and gloomy, and won't believe that she is kind and courteous—that she seeketh not her own, and desires to bestow upon us blessings full of immortality.

But, sir, another weighty consideration arises to us. *We cannot retreat*. We owe it to our own principles to go forward. We have taught the enemy the potency of these means. We have evinced the powerfulness of these silent messengers, in good or evil; and the foes of God and man have taken up the weapons, and are now scattering the seeds of pestilence and death with a broad cast over the earth; and for us now to go back, would not only be a shameful defection, but treachery to our *Master* and ourselves. Our own history would upbraid us, and we should not dare to look it in the face. Sir, we must keep pace with the labors of infidelity. Yes, sir, we must out-strip them; we must silence her advocates, quench her unballowed fires, and demolish all the thrones of darkness. *Onward*, sir; we must go *onward*, or meet the discomfiture, and the doom too, of *unfaithful servants*.

These triumphs over the wicked are in prospect for the church; but there will be many and sad conflicts first. We can hear now the mustering of the hosts to the battle. The cries of persecution often break upon the ear. Christian, are you *ready* not only to do, but to suffer for your Master?

And these suggestions lead us to the effective means contemplated by the resolution which I have the privilege of submitting. It regards the *personal efforts of Christians* in connection with Tract distribution. These are among the most powerful auxiliaries toward the accomplishment of God's gracious purposes. And here I believe, Mr. President, the Church of the Redeemer is far behind its duty. We have been too prone to add this duty to the long list of laborious services that we visit upon the christian ministry. Sir, we have piled burden after burden upon the ministry, until we have almost crushed it to the earth. The distribution of Tracts is designed to reach departments beyond the limits of the living preacher. I fear, sir, that laymen have too often felt ashamed, or afraid to go out with these silent messengers of truth, and by their personal influence and exhortations secure for them a favorable reception. Let the world see and feel by our conduct that we deem the soul of infinite value, and that for its redemption we are willing faithfully to employ the blessed agency of Tracts. It will be a service that will elevate the standard of piety, that will try the strength of Christian principles, and illustrate the fidelity of Christian character. We have lessons on this subject, in the example of our blessed Saviour, that we are bound to heed. His life affords the precept and pattern. Such was his love for

the souls of men, that he condescended to leave the adoration of angels and assume the infirmities of a human body, and preach from village to village, from synagogue to synagogue. He went about doing good. He drew instructive lessons for those who followed him, from the birds that carolled and the flowers that bloomed along his way. And when the Lord of men and angels could thus labor to make wise unto salvation, shall any of his followers draw back from self-denying duty? Ah, sir, what an impression might the Church make upon the world, did we all live up to the high responsibilities which at this eventful period call us into the vineyard! How it might shake the false security of our fellow men, did the light of a holy example constantly shine before them, and convince them that we of a truth regarded their souls as in imminent and awful danger!

Mr. President, it is a delightful privilege to meet you here; to mingle our sympathies with this great congregation, all animated by the same hopes, loving the same cause, and bound to the same judgment-seat. But, sir, this is *not our rest*. We must descend from this mount of privilege, and prosecute our painful journey through yonder wilderness of sin and sorrow. Then, sir, let us, as we go hence, refreshed by the communion and fellowship of this favored hour, each resolve for himself, that we will henceforth labor more faithfully, pray more fervently, and live more holily; and when the people of God can with sincere thanks look up to his throne, and exclaim—"Here, Lord, are we, to live or to die, to do or to suffer for our Master and his cause"—then may we expect to hear voices in heaven saying, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ."

Rev. Mr. STONE said he was unprepared to deliver a formal address, and he rejoiced he was not called to advocate a cause of questionable importance. All present were cordially attached to the Society. Prophecy assured us that the *earth shall be full* of the knowledge of the Lord. There was a beautiful analogy in God's works. The light of the sun pervaded the whole earth: so the truth of the Bible was the sun to illuminate the moral world; but sin has filled a great part of the world with darkness. The question is, how shall the light be made all-pervading? The gift of the Bible and the establishment of the preached Gospel in our world will not alone accomplish it; and here come in with admirable fitness our Benevolent Institutions; and the whole system is incomplete without this Society; it is an agency which can adapt itself to all circumstances; it is a mirror that throws in its light every way upon the darkness. He could not consider all the bearings of the Society; nor was it necessary; the report had shown its admirable adaptation to accomplish its object, both in Christian and Pagan lands. Light had been rolling westward—it had come to us. Was there no danger of darkness returning again upon us? Europe is sending over mighty masses of population, who are introducing habits and prejudices uncongenial with our own. Those portions of the country that richly enjoy the Gospel, and have the means, must pour light upon the remainder of the land. These benevolent agencies are mighty in efficiency, carrying the Gospel to places and individuals which otherwise would never be reached.

But how are we to continue energy and vitality in our work? Our *hearts* must be enlisted in it, and they must constantly be filled with the influences of the Holy Spirit. As this Society is a mirror to reflect light, so it has a hand to diffuse it round the world. We must pour in our religious influences as well as contributions here upon the heart. We come here not to be amused, but to act in the presence of God, with humble penitence and prayer, and faith in him for his aid. Coming with such feelings, and having the facts before us, it must be sufficient to satisfy every mind, and move ministers to go forth wherever duty calls them, and all to contribute and to labor.

Rev. Mr. LUDLOW said, If any one ought to second this resolution with all his heart and voice, I am that man. The church to which I have the pleasure to break the bread of life has engaged in this work with zeal. Indeed I may say, in regard to the co-operation of my people in benevolent effort, 'Silver and gold have we none, but Tract distributors and Sabbath school teachers give we unto you.' I do sometimes rejoice in God to see how many of them are engaged, and feel as if I could say, 'Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets.' I verily believe that my people are made the honored instruments of converting more souls than their pastor; yes, sir, five to one.

I stand here to-day as the representative of a portion of my congregation, from eighteen months to eight years old. The other day, sir, I took up a bank-note, on which was the picture of the globe, and Archimedes with his lever under it. He had found his *πῶν σκα*, (where to stand,) and was on the end of the lever lifting up the world. Sir, we have such a lever, and in this box I have brought a weight to put upon it. It weighs, sir, nine pounds and a half. The fulcrum on which it rests is in Burmah; and the short end is there. And when you think what a long lever it is, you must see that nine pounds and a half here at the other end, will do a good deal towards lifting the world. [Here he presented the charity-box of the Infant Class.]

We have had a lever, sir, for the children, the Infant and Sabbath schools, but no effectual power applied to the *adults*. But the Tract distribution gives us the means of reaching them. And, sir, already I see the mass begin to start and heave from its place.

In this work the Infant Sabbath school in my congregation will earnestly co-operate. One little boy, four or five years old, saw, as he passed to and from his school, a man who kept his store open on the Sabbath. One day he saw the man standing in the door, and went up to him and said, 'Sir, you ought not to keep your door open to-day.' 'Why?' said the man. 'Because it is wicked, sir.' 'How do you know that?' said he. 'Because God says, Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.' The man turned and went in; he could not stand the force of an infant's reproof. Soon after, the child came to his teacher for a Tract on keeping the Sabbath, to give to that man.

Another child brought her penny to the teacher to put in the box, and said, 'I want you to send it to Jesus Christ's man in Burmah.'

Rev. Mr. CONE said, I feel a solemn and delightful duty imposed on me, in presenting this resolution. Men, brethren, and fathers, grant



me your hearing and your prayers, while I press so momentous a resolve, that I may not fall entirely below its greatness.

Sir, the success of this Society, on which our resolution is grounded, has far transcended all expectation. Who did, who could anticipate, that in seven years this Society would have 650 Tracts stereotyped, and that six millions of pages would have been granted for gratuitous distribution in a single year, and ten thousand dollars sent out for foreign distribution? Eighteen months ago the Society were in debt for money loaned \$8,000, and \$12,000 more for paper; but while they have been laboring and transmitting funds for the heathen, God has enabled them also to pay up all arrears.

Now we see a wider field opening upon us. The world is at this moment distinctly presented to our view, as ready to receive the Gospel by means of Tracts. France, with her thirty-six millions, is now ready to receive Tracts. Russia, boundless Russia, is ready to receive Tracts. Germany is anxious to enter upon the work of Tract distribution, and asks your aid. For Africa, we have the French settlements in Algiers; the Pasha of Egypt has established religious toleration throughout his dominions; Liberia gives access on the west; the Cape colony is at the south; the discovery by the Landers on the Niger opens a way into the centre, where we can send Tracts in Arabic to an untold population.

But the most delightful and imposing scene is the vast continent of Asia, filled with a population reckoned, not by millions, but by hundreds of millions. Standing as I do, in connection with the Baptist General Convention for Foreign Missions, I will present to you one definite point, and from that will show the access to the whole continent.

Our brother Kincaid, at Rangoon, has found an interesting field of labor among the British soldiers. In the 45th regiment 110 soldiers have been baptized. And, sir, the Tracts sent out by your Society, the "Great Question Answered," the "Swearers' Prayer," and on Intemperance, have been used in Burmah with great effect. Not only have they joined the church, but a Temperance society has been formed among them, and three fourths of the soldiers in the regiment have adopted the pledge and practice of total abstinence.

The regiment is since ordered to a distant station, and another regiment brought there, which we hope is now experiencing similar blessings.

In regard to the heathen, the name of Judson is sufficient to kindle your feelings. He is going on in his labors, and God is blessing him. In a late tour he says he ascended an eminence where a village, formerly devoted to idolatry, opened to his view—now no longer a heathen village. The fields were cultivated by Christian hands, the cottages inhabited by Christian people, and the temple, long devoted to the worship of Boodha, was now consecrated to the service of Jehovah.

Mr. Wade has found that by adding two letters to the Taling alphabet, he has an alphabet suited to the language of the Karens. These Karens are a singular people, rough, but hospitable and faithful—more like the American Indians than any other people.

To show the effect of Tracts in directing men to the living teacher,

Mr. Cone mentioned the case of one who came for instruction, who said, "When I read this Tract, that had in it the words *ETERNITY*, and *ETERNAL* God, I believed—and I come to you to tell me more about these great things."

It is a custom among the Karens to welcome a visiter by a company of young maidens going out to meet him with songs. On one occasion Mr. W. came to a village, and was welcomed with an extempore song, of the following purport:

"The Lord his messenger has sent,  
 "And he himself will soon appear:  
 "The Burmah priests—their day is spent—  
 "The priests of God his standard rear."

Burmah, sir, is to the rest of Asia like a door into a vast room. You pass its threshold, and you are in. Our missionary stations are now less than 200 miles from Siam and Bangkok, the civil and commercial capitals of the empire of Siam. And our brother Jones left Burmah in September for Bangkok, having spent six months learning the language. He was led to it in this way. Three of the converts had obtained permission to go into Siam and distribute Tracts. They returned, and reported that where they had distributed tens, thousands were wanted, and that a pressing cry was made for a living teacher. The city of Bangkok has 400,000 inhabitants, of whom one half are Chinese. Brother Jones called the missionaries together, and told them he was pressed in spirit, and if they would only give their consent, he and his wife would go. He is doubtless this moment laboring in Bangkok.

From Burmah we find we have access to China all-along the boundary. And, sir, China can be entered. The impossibility of entering that country is found to be imaginary. We have been saying, "A lion is in the way," and like other fancied dangers it vanishes the moment we march boldly up to it.

We do not claim for our Tracts the chief place in the system of means for evangelizing the world. We allow the Bible Society to be the sun. But then, sir, may we not call the Tract Society the moon? And, sir, the moon, though shining with borrowed light, yet by its influence agitates the mighty mass of waters around the globe. And so do our Tracts agitate the public mind. Wherever they go, they at least leave the soul in an unsatisfied state, eager to find the Bible and the living teacher, and Him too, of whom Moses and the prophets wrote.

Rev. Mr. SMITH, in seconding the resolution, added a brief but feeling acknowledgment of his gratitude, and that of his fellow missionaries, for the aid furnished them by this Society. No one not on the ground could tell how much they were aided in their labors by these donations for the distribution of religious Tracts.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

## PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Jas. Milnor, D. D. of the Epis'l Ch.	Rev. Samuel Green, Boston, Mass., of the
Rev. Thomas McAuley, D. D. I.L. D. of	Congregational Church.
the Presb. Church.	Rev. Charles G. Sommers, of the Baptist
Rev. John Knox, D. D. of Ref. Dutch C.	Church.

## DISTRIBUTING COMMITTEE.

Dr. James C. Bliss,  
Dr. Marinus Willett,  
William Forrest,  
William Winterton.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Arthur Tappan,  
Dr. John Stearns,  
Moses Allen,  
Richard T. Haines,  
Timothy R. Green.

## ABSTRACT OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

While the Committee report their proceedings, they feel bound, "forgetting the things which are behind," to "reach forth to those which are before." Among the objects which now claim the attention of the Society, are,

1. FURNISHING THE COMMUNITY WITH THE MOST USEFUL PUBLICATIONS.
2. SUPPLYING THE WHOLE POPULATION, SO FAR AS ACCESS IS GIVEN, WITH TRACTS ACCOMPANIED BY CHRISTIAN EFFORT AND PRAYER; AND, AS A MEANS OF SECURING THIS OBJECT,
3. ESTABLISHING LOCAL AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.
4. MEETING THE CLAIMS OF FOREIGN AND PAGAN LANDS.

The death of Mr. Thomas Stokes, a member of the Committee, is noticed; and also of Messrs. S. S. Waldo and William Yonge, Agents, and Rev. Joseph W. Barr, who acted as Agent for some weeks immediately after the last Anniversary.

Owing to the difficulty of preparing the details for the Report in season, the Society's year, including that now past, will be considered as closing April 15.

*New Publications.*

Eleven Tracts in English; two in Portuguese; eight in German; six children's Tracts; one Handbill; Life of Brainerd, 360 pages; Edwards on the Affections, 276; Life of S. Kilpin, 166; Evidence of Prophecy, from Keith, 144; Cotton Mather's Essays to do good, 108; Beecher's Sermons on Intemperance, 108; Heavenly Manna, 123—being 35 new publications; making the whole number of the Society's Publications 648.

Of the Christian Almanac, 16 editions were published for 1833,

and 75,000 copies printed by the Society. This work is to be enlarged to 48 pages, without covers, or any increase of price.

Of the Tract Magazine 5,250 are published monthly.

The Committee express the highest sense of the importance of obtaining *New Tracts*, especially those of a narrative character, and such as, in the simplicity and perspicuity of their style, and their clear exhibitions of truth, are adapted to interest and benefit the great mass of readers.

The circulation of the Society's *occasional volumes*, of the character of those above named, is also considered as promising great usefulness. The Committee are gratified to be able here to insert, as an expression of their own views, the following

*Letter from the Rev. Dr. Alexander, of Princeton.*

I rejoice to learn that the Committee of the American Tract Society are turning their attention specially to the preparation and circulation of small bound volumes. These are as really *Tracts* as any of the pamphlets or sheets which are sent forth from the Institution. I would be very sorry to say a word which would have the effect of diminishing the zeal and activity of the Committee in the distribution of Tracts in the usual form. Let this good work, by which the knowledge of the truth is extended to so many thousands of needy souls, be prosecuted with increasing ardor. The circulation of Tracts is clearly marked out as one of God's appointed means for the conversion of the world. The facts from heathen lands now before the public are of the most animating description, and are calculated to inspire all the friends of the Society with lively hope and zeal.

But as the same truths may be circulated in different forms, so the laborers in this field ought wisely to adapt their modes of operation to the circumstances, tastes, and exigencies of the people. And I am persuaded that there are some peculiar advantages in the distribution of small, well selected treatises, in the form of bound volumes. Some are disposed to think lightly of every thing in the shape of Tracts, from the circumstance of their commonness, and from the importunity which has sometimes attended their distribution. I do not mention this as a thing which can be unknown to the Committee; nor do I mean to connect with it the least insinuation that the business of distribution has been unwisely conducted. The feeling to which I have referred, as existing to a considerable extent, is indeed most unreasonable; but if it exists, we should as far as possible continue means to counteract it. This undervaluing of the cheapest of all vehicles for divine truth, very much resembles the conduct of the Israelites in regard to the manna with which they were so constantly and abundantly supplied. They said, "Our soul loatheth this light bread." But the same prejudice does not exist against bound books. These the people are willing to buy at a fair price.

There can be no doubt that it is right to avail ourselves of this preference, and to provide for those who wish it, cheap volumes of important religious instruction. It is also a fact, that small Tracts in

sheets are but in few cases preserved with care. They often perish almost as soon as read; and I know of no method of preventing this waste so effectual as to substitute small bound books. The Society's Tracts are now bound in this manner for such as prefer them in that form. And let other treatises be selected for publication, for which purpose there are many excellently adapted. I have attentively read over the list of books which the Committee have already put into circulation, and the selection meets with my cordial approbation. Works of a more evangelical and spiritual kind do not exist; and I am gratified to see that they are printed and bound in a neat and handsome style. I am deeply persuaded that great public benefit will arise from the appropriation of a portion of your funds in this way; and that the event will prove, that however expensive it may be in the commencement, it will be wise economy in the end. When I consider how many copies of "Doddridge's Rise and Progress," "Baxter's Call to the Unconverted," "Allein's Alarm," "Edwards on the Affections," and such like works, will be circulated through the whole length and breadth of this land, I am filled with pleasing anticipations of the good which your Society will be the means of accomplishing.

I do sincerely hope that the Committee will persevere in the prosecution of this object, and as their circumstances may permit, increase the number of their publications of this description. I *did* think it important that a Society for the circulation of religious books should be formed, but I do not see why the American Tract Society may not manage this whole concern more economically and successfully than any new Society. The success which has already attended your efforts in this way is calculated to inspire you with confidence to go on in the name of the Lord.

*Amount of Publications printed and circulated.*

	Publications.	Pages.
Printed during the year, . . . . .	2,808,076	39,700,808
Circulated do. do. . . . .	3,543,087	48,400,607
Printed since the formation of the Society, . . . . .	32,804,563	503,371,790
Circulated do. do. do. . . . .	28,954,173	433,238,397
Remaining in the Depository, . . . . .	3,850,390	70,133,463

Of the Appeal on Cholera 166,000 were printed, and most of them circulated within eight weeks. Of the tract "I am an Infidel," 119,000 have been circulated during the year.

*Gratuitous Distributions.*

Foreign, 688,969 pages; Army and Navy, 147,660; Distributed by Agents, 552,671; granted to individuals, 809,965; to Auxiliaries, 3,432,690; on lakes and canals, and to Benevolent Institutions, 371,290—Total, 6,003,245 pages.

*Receipts and Expenditures during the year.*

BALANCE in the Treasury, May 1, 1833, . . . . .	\$96 67
Received for publications sold, . . . . .	31,117 58
Donations from all sources, including \$6,856,97 for foreign distribution, . . . . .	31,229 25
<b>Total receipts, . . . . .</b>	<b>\$62,443 50</b>
PAID for paper, . . . . .	\$32,959 96
Printing, . . . . .	13,072 33
For supplying destitute portions of the country, including more than twenty years' service of Traveling Agents, twelve of whom are laboring at the South and West, . . . . .	9,847 90
Appropriations for Foreign Distribution, . . . . .	10,000 00
All other expenditures, . . . . .	6,458 39
Balance in the Treasury, . . . . .	104 33
<b>Total, as above, . . . . .</b>	<b>\$62,443 50</b>

The receipts and gratuitous distributions exceed those of any former year; and the foreign appropriations are more than in the 7 years preceding.

The Visiting and Financial Secretary, since December 1, has visited the principal towns from Charleston, via New-Orleans, to St. Louis, in which he has raised about \$3,660.

*Branches and Auxiliaries.*

New Auxiliaries recognized during the year, 115; making the whole number immediately connected with the Society 999. Connected with the Society's Branches and large Auxiliaries 3,594; making a total of 4,595; many of which, however, have become inefficient, and some have wholly ceased to act.

SUPPLYING OUR COUNTRY WITH TRACTS ACCOMPANIED BY  
CHRISTIAN EFFORT AND PRAYER.

The necessity of this system of effort is clearly set forth, and its efficiency, especially where the Distributors have made *particular individuals the special objects of their prayers and their renewed and persevering labors*, and where *district prayer meetings* have been sustained with spirituality and vigor.

The substance of the reports for the last month's distribution in the 8th Ward in the city of New-York are given as an illustration of what might be expected, by the blessing of God, were similar exertions put forth throughout the country—nine written reports having been received, which, in addition to many cases of seriousness and anxiety, mention *fifteen* instances of hopeful conversions.

## LABORS OF THE SOCIETY'S AGENTS.

The Society has now 16 Agents laboring in their appropriated fields: viz. 3 in New-York, 1 in New-Jersey, 1 in Virginia, 1 in North-Carolina, 1 in Tennessee, 2 in Kentucky, 1 in Ohio, 2 in Indiana, 3 in Illinois, and 1 in Missouri. Four others are under commission and expected to enter on their labors immediately, and some others are laboring for short periods in different parts of the country.

The Report proceeds to give facts communicated by 12 local Agents, showing the destitution of their respective fields, and the success which has attended their efforts. The aggregate of the items reported by them gives to each Agent's field, on an average, 25 counties; 23,400 square miles, and a fraction less than 300,000 inhabitants. It shows that, according to the best information obtained, a fraction less than *one half of the population are supplied with Evangelical preaching*; and that a fraction more than *one third of that one half absent themselves*; making a fraction more than *two thirds of the whole population who do not attend on the stated means of grace*. The Committee do not vouch for the correctness of this statement. They have only given with arithmetical accuracy, what is the average of the aggregate report made by 12 laborers from such data as has been within their reach, in 12 different fields, wholly independent of each other. And the Committee have no reason to believe, that the remaining Agents' fields, which it has been contemplated to occupy throughout the country, are better supplied with the means of grace, than the 12 above reported.

So far as these statements accord with facts, they give pain to the hearts of the Committee. They do not pertain to any one portion of our land. They are presented as showing the *moral wants of our beloved country*, and as an incitement to those who regard the eternal welfare of her population, and wish that she may be made a blessing to the world; to *pray*, and to *labor*, and if necessary to *change their field of effort*, and transfer themselves wherever their services are most required.

The question of the *diffusion of ministerial talent and moral power* throughout our country, appears to the Committee to claim the most serious consideration. Who can deny the fact, that many of our congregations are enjoying a profusion of religious privileges, till multitudes become fastidious hearers, and multitudes gospel hardened, while to some millions of our population the Gospel of Jesus Christ is scarcely proclaimed at all? Can the churches expect the Divine blessing while thus appropriating to themselves the means of grace, and leaving millions in our own land to perish? Can mini-

ters, detained by no special providence of God, expect to meet with joy, in the day of judgment, our benighted countrymen, to whom they would not go to proclaim salvation by atoning blood?

This subject is one bearing not merely on Missionary Institutions. It is one of great practical moment to this and every kindred Society. Were all qualified men intent, like the Apostle, on preaching "not where Christ has been named," lest they "should build on another man's foundation," one of the most serious obstacles to the progress and usefulness of this Institution in our country would be removed.

The Committee hope that, affecting and unquestionable as are the claims of Pagan lands, they will not be perverted to withdrawing the attention and efforts of the Christian Community from the *still pressing and unsupplied claims of our own country.*

#### THE FOREIGN FIELD.

The Committee feel bound to render special thanks to God, that they have been enabled, during the year, to transmit the sum of **TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH** to aid in the circulation of approved Tracts at the following stations: viz. by American Baptist Missionaries in Burmah, \$1,500; American Missionaries and Mr. Gutzlaff in China, \$1,500; Bombay, \$4,000; Ceylon, \$1,000; Sandwich Islands, \$1,000; Malta and countries on the Mediterranean, \$1,000; Protestant Episcopal Missionaries in Greece, \$500; Paris Tract Society, \$1,500; Hamburgh, \$500—total, \$10,000.

While the Committee trust that God will render these appropriations the means of great good, they also believe that the expending of this amount will *but create an additional demand*, and **RENDER A MUCH LARGER AMOUNT REQUISITE IN ALL SUCCEEDING YEARS.** The Heathen are given to Christ as "his inheritance," and the work of pouring the light of truth upon their dark minds is one of boundless extent. The Committee hope these efforts will be renewed with redoubled vigor, and persevered in, in the strength of God, till the millennial day shall dawn. Too long have beloved Missionaries toiled, and many of them fallen in the work, while extending their eye in vain to the American Churches for sufficient aid in their Tract operations. All their communications (of which the Report contains large extracts) show how indispensable are Tracts to the success of their work, and how much they are cheered and encouraged by the Society's appropriations. The Committee would gladly, if possible, *anticipate* their wants, and instead of waiting till a pittance shall be wrung from our hands by their earnest and reiterated appeals, *encourage them to go onward*—to enlarge their efforts—and devise liberal things for millions perishing around them.



It is a most instructive fact, that *the Society has been blessed in its pecuniary means just in proportion to its efforts for foreign and pagan lands.* When these efforts were commenced with any degree of efficiency, in December, 1831, the Society owed on money loaned from the banks \$ 8,000; and for paper bought on credit, \$ 12,000. It transmitted to foreign lands, before the Anniversary then ensuing, \$ 5,000; and has since transmitted \$ 10,000; and now the last cent of the debt is paid; it is disencumbered from its burden, and may press forward unhindered in its blessed work. These facts the Committee feel constrained publicly to state as an humble acknowledgment to God. He has placed it on record, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." May He ever give the Committee, and all connected with the Society, grace to *trust Him and go forward in the discharge of duty.*

All the intelligence the Committee have received from Pagan nations confirms the evidence that God will use THE PRESS, as an important auxiliary to Missions in their illumination and conversion. The Committee of the American Board for Foreign Missions have recently estimated that, could sufficient pecuniary means and an adequate number of Missionaries be secured, there are now needed in Pagan lands ONE HUNDRED PRINTING PRESSES.

The Report proceeds to give an interesting sketch of intelligence received from various stations.

A communication from the *Paris Tract Society* states, that if they had to-day 20,000 francs, (\$ 4,000,) they could profitably expend it in a few months, without extraordinary exertions.

A letter from the Society at *Hamburg* shows that the friends of Evangelical truth there are few—are suffering severe persecution, and in much need of assistance.

Rev. Mr. Knill, Mr. Ropes, and the band of Christians in St. Petersburg, have the sanction of the highest authority in issuing their publications; and a field of effort extending thousands of miles. Two dignitaries of the Russian Church, have promised to translate *Baxter's Saints' Rest* and *Call to the Unconverted* in Russ.

Letters from Rev. Mr. Temple at Malta, and Rev. Mr. King in Greece, express much gratitude for the aid received, especially for printing *eight Scripture narratives* in modern Greek, which have been approved by the Committee—the Greeks not now having the Old Testament in the language in general use.

Very interesting letters have also just been received from Rev. Messrs. Goodell and Dwight, and Rev. Mr. Shaufler, Missionary to the Jews, in *Constantinople*, stating that new fields are opening there,

particularly among the Armenians, and that they had commenced the preparation of Tracts, not knowing how the expense would be borne, when information of the Society's appropriation arrived.

*Joint Letter from Rev. Messrs. Goodell and Dwight.*

The people among whom we dwell, and with whom we have more or less intercourse, are *Jews, Greeks, Armenians, Mussulmen, and different kinds of Papists*. It is, however, to the *Armenians* that our labors are more particularly directed. Of these there are supposed to be about one hundred thousand in this capital, and perhaps one sixth or one quarter of these may be able to read; i. e. one third or one half of the *males*; for the readers among the *females* are so few that no account need be taken of them. In the *interior* the proportion of those who can read is much smaller than it is at the capital; but it will doubtless from year to year become greater, both there and here, in consequence of the establishment of schools, to which the Armenians are now waking up. Our *principal* attention is at present devoted to preparing suitable elementary books for the schools, especially for those on the system of mutual instruction. Of such books they have none; and we deem it immensely important to endeavor, by means of the influence with which Providence seems to favor us in this respect, to raise up a generation that shall know how to read understandingly, and how to think and form opinions for themselves. But though this occupies our *principal*, yet it does not occupy our *exclusive* attention.

As soon as we shall have leisure from the business that now presses upon us in regard to schools, we shall probably take hold of the work of preparing Tracts in *good earnest*. But Tracts, in order to produce the happiest effect, should be *especially adapted to the people*. Whether they be *original*, or whether they be translations from the Society's publications, they must be, so to speak, as little *American*, and as much *Armenian*, as is possible. For these people take very little if any interest in American scenery, in American customs, or in any of the forms of religion that prevail amongst us; they do not understand our allusions or our technics; the ten thousand associations and sympathies that are awakened in our bosoms, and that bring such a tenderness and solemnity over our minds, disposing us to yield to the full influence of the truth inculcated in the Tract, cannot affect them; they cannot enter into our feelings, nor can they be made fully to comprehend our thoughts, or to feel the full force of our best written narratives. However, the little experience which we have already had, must be of great advantage to us in future; and, even in our *translations*, we shall doubtless be able to divest them more entirely of what may be called *American*, and to put upon them the proper oriental robes in a much more graceful manner than heretofore. Tracts for this people should be both in Armenian and Armeno-Turkish, but more generally in the former.

The time is evidently at hand when a mission to Turkey, with special reference to the *Mussulmen*, should be commenced; and we are about writing to the Board on the subject. Controversial Tracts for Moslems should, we think, be *now* in a train for preparation. *May*

*your Society have the honor of printing the first series of Tracts, prepared by the first Missionary that shall be sent to the Turks.* And may multitudes of these followers of the false prophet be thus brought through your instrumentality to acknowledge Jesus to be the true prophet of the church, to receive him as such, to submit to him as their King, and to draw near to God through him as the great atoning Priest!

Accept our thanks once more, dear brother, for your letter. We hope it has done us good. We cannot express what we feel in seeing the church of Christ in America rising up from the dust; going on from strength to strength; "growing up to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;" "putting on her beautiful garments," and walking abroad in the spirit of life, beauty, and benevolence; already reaching forth the hand of charity beyond seas and continents; and embracing in her sympathies, and efforts, and prayers, "many people, and nations, and kindreds, and tongues." May her sun never go down! May the glory of the Lord shine upon her more and more! May all the benevolent institutions which she has founded, and which stand up in the midst of our land as our national glory, dispensing blessings also to the four quarters of the globe, descend with perpetually increasing prosperity to the remotest ages!

At the Sandwich Islands presses are in active operation, and such is the desire and the ability to read that every thing printed is perhaps more sure to be attentively read than at any other station or in any other language.

Testimonies from the oldest missionaries in *India* show that Tracts are indispensable to their highest usefulness, and have been greatly blessed.

In the country around *Bombay*, several persons have been found who had obtained a tolerably correct idea of Christianity from Tracts carried into the interior by merchants. On perusing the Tracts, some of the Hindoos have expressed great astonishment, and have said, When you have distributed a great many such, *then there will be a change.*

Rev. Mr. ALLEN, missionary at Bombay, who has recently arrived in this country, says, that the way is open for far more extensive appropriations for Tract circulation in the Mahratta country than have yet been made. *Only a small part of the people using the Mahratta have ever yet seen a Christian Tract or portion of Scripture.* Besides three presses belonging to the mission, any required amount of printing may be obtained from native presses. A Tract, in answer to one by the missionaries, has been published by the Brahmins; another by the Mahometans; and another by the Parsees. Controversies on Christian topics are free as in the United States. Many Brahmins are beginning to educate their daughters. Obstacles that formerly prevented the circulation of Tracts in the interior of India are now removed, and facilities for circulating them are constantly increas-

ing. The establishment of the new station at Ahmedmuggur will open a wide and extensive field. Many English gentlemen are also active in their distribution. Various circumstances indicate that every year will render liberal appropriations from the Society more and more necessary.

Very full and satisfactory communications have been received from *Ceylon*, stating the number of Tamul population at from eight to twelve millions; that it embraces multitudes of readers, and that experience proves that short Tracts adapted to their condition will extensively be read. Printing presses are forthwith to be established at this station.

A resolution of cordial thanks for the aid extended to *Burmah* has been received from the Baptist Board for Foreign Missions, and abundant facts are contained in the journals of missionaries, showing the extent and success of Tract distribution. Great importance is attached to this nation from *its proximity to the Chinese empire*—inaccessible almost from her eastern ports; but on a part of her western border having a population of intermingled Burmese and Chinese. Let Boodhism in *Burmah*—a religion which she once lent to *China*—be exchanged for the religion of Christ; and who can tell how soon she shall give *Christianity* also to *China*, and her untold millions embrace the only Redeemer!

American missions are in contemplation for *Siam*, where the journals of Messrs. Gutzlaff, Tomlin, and Abeel, show that a wide door is open for Tract operations.

Copies of nine Tracts written and printed by Leang Afa, a native Chinese convert, have been received, and were laid before the Society. Other Tracts have recently been issued, and a number of Scripture Tracts were in the hands of the printer at Canton, at the latest dates. The general Circular of Rev. Dr. Morrison and Rev. Mr. Bridgman, written just twenty-five years after Dr. Morrison's first arrival in China, attaches great importance to operations through the *press*, and states that some Christian Tracts are known to have reached and been read by the Emperor himself.

#### DIVINE BLESSING ON THE SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS AND LABORS.

Under this head the Report contains the most full and cheering details, as reported by Branches and Auxiliaries, by the Society's Agents, and from other sources.

The New-York City Tract Society have reported *one hundred and seventy-three* cases of hopeful conversion.

*Tract blessed in the conversion of a Clergyman.*

At a Tract meeting in Otselic, says Mr. Shaw, Rev. Mr. C. of P. arose with deep emotion, and said: "My friends, I stand before this congregation as a monument of the efficacy of Tracts. When a young man, careless, unbelieving, impenitent, and wicked, as I was one day passing along the road, I saw a little piece of paper half covered with mud—it attracted my attention—I picked it up, and found it to be the Tract *Poor Joseph*. I seated myself on a bank beside a small stream and read it; and Oh! I never shall forget the feelings I had as I read over that simple story. The Spirit of God sent home its truth upon my heart. I trembled and wept in view of my sins, and I never rested till I rested in the blood of Jesus Christ for salvation. I am now, by the grace of God, a minister of the Gospel. You all know me. I frequently declare the counsels of God to you. If I have ever done any good in the cause of Christ, and if I may hereafter be made instrumental of leading any lost and perishing souls to the Redeemer, it may all be traced back to that Tract. It has started a train of causes that must operate through eternity."

*The Translator of a Tract blessed.*

The Tract *Theophilus and Sophia* was put into the hands of Miss R——, a French little girl in New-York City, to be translated into French. It made a deep religious impression on her mind—for three days and nights she was unable to sleep, and almost in despair, when she hopefully surrendered her heart to Christ, and became very happy in loving and serving him.

*Swearer's Prayer given to two Lads in a Paper-mill.*

In a paper manufactory at N. B——, N. Y. says Mr. L——, in which one of the workmen was shockingly profane, were two boys, sixteen or seventeen years of age—one an Irish orphan named Daniel, the other James, from New-Jersey. The boys caught the evil example, and seemed to vie with each other in using blasphemous language. One day I put into each of their hats the *Swearer's Prayer*. They confessed to me soon after that it was a "bad habit," but said they "could not help it." I urged them to give the Tracts a serious perusal, which they promised to do. They ceased their profaneness; and I soon found the Tract had made on the mind of the Irish boy a deep impression. The struggle in his soul was truly affecting. I made them both the subject of continued prayer to God—and at length met the Irish boy one morning, with joy beaming in his countenance—and there is now a prospect of his becoming a *minister of the Baptist church*. It was not long before powerful convictions seized the mind of James, and he became intent on the salvation of his soul. For a number of days he was accustomed to retire for prayer; and one evening Mr. B. his employer discovered him as he was meditating in the grove, and found him rejoicing in a sin-pardoning God. He led him into the house, and when he met little Daniel they embraced each other, and a holy influence seemed to fill the room. Others in the immediate neighborhood became anxious, and I think eight or nine persons obtained hope in the mercy of the Redeemer.

## AWARD OF PREMIUM OF \$500.

The undersigned having been designated by the Committee of the American Tract Society as a Committee to award the premium of \$ 500 to the ten best Tracts submitted on or before March 1, would state that they have received 279 manuscripts, and after careful consideration assign the premiums as follows; slight alterations, suggested by the Committee, to be made in some of the manuscripts; viz. No. 3, "What have I done?" by Rev. William Nevins, of Balt.; No. 10, "The Almost Christian," by H. A. Boardman, of Princeton, N. J.; No. 17, "Four Reasons against the use of Alcoholic Liquors," by Mr. John Gridley, Agent of the American Tract Society for Ohio; No. 25, "What is a call to the Ministry?" by Rev. James D. Knowles, Professor in the Baptist Literary and Theological Seminary, Newton, Mass.; No. 186, "Mistakes of Parents in the religious Instruction of their Children," by Mr. John A. Vaughan, Boston; Nos. 211, 212, "The last Scenes and Dying Words of Men of the World, contrasted with those of Christians," (to be condensed into one Tract,) by Rev. Wm. C. Brownlee, D. D. of New-York; No. 232, "The General's Widow," by Rev. Dr. Brownlee; No. 246, "The World's Conversion the grand Object of the Christian," by Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, of Troy, N. Y.; No. 278, "The Christian Duty of Meditation," by Rev. Elisha Ballantine, Assistant Instructor in the Union Theological Seminary, Prince Edward, Va. The tenth premium to be divided between No. 9, "Don't unchain the Tiger," by Rev. William Wisner, of Rochester, N. Y., and No. 193, "Lydia Sturtevant, or the Fatal Resolution," by Rev. Eliakim Phelps, of Geneva, N. Y.

There are a number of other manuscripts with which the Committee were pleased, and which they would recommend to the consideration of the Publishing Committee, to whose disposal, according to the terms of the Circular offering the premium, they are to be committed.

THOMAS DE WITT,	} Committee of Award.
WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS,	
HENRY WHITE,	

New-York, May 14, 1853.

NOTE.—Bishop McIlvaine and Rev. Dr. Skinner, originally named as members of the Committee of Award, being prevented by circumstances from acting, the Publishing Committee designated Rev. Mr. Williams and Rev. Mr. White to act in their stead.

For notice of other Premiums, see cover.

☞ A sketch of the proceedings of the Anniversary of the *American Tract Society, Boston*, and an abstract of the Annual Report, may be expected in our next number.

**RECEIPTS**  
**INTO THE TREASURY OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,**  
*During the month ending May 15, 1833.*  
**FROM AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETIES.**

	For Tr.	Done.
VER.—Benson, Marshall R. Meacham, Secretary,	\$ 2 77	
Charlotte, Noble Lovely, Treasurer,	1 18	
Clarendon, Female, Mrs. Eveline Hodges, Secretary,	2 00	8 00
Fairfield, Benjamin Wooster, President,	8 00	8 12
Sodbury, Female, Susan Ranger, Agent,	1 72	2 23
Swanton Falls, Daniel Bullard, Treasurer,	1 00	10 00
MASS.—Fittsfield, Samuel A. Danforth, Treasurer,	2 00	
Sheffield, Rev. James Bradford, Agent,	1 68	
Washington, Rev. Caleb Knight, Agent,	4 25	4 25
R. I.—Bristol, Female, Hannah Church, Secretary,	12 00	
Providence, Isaac Wilcox, Depositary,	129 30	
CONN.—Chatham, Middlesex Co. Rev. Harvey Talcott, Secretary,	8 50	2 00
Chester, Female, Rev. Wm. Case, Agent,	6 00	
Darien, Walter Whitney, Treasurer,	2 58	
Durham, Miss M. Seward, Treasurer,	3 36	
Greenwich, Solomon Mead, Secretary,	1 96	
Milford, George Mann, Treasurer,	2 40	
New Haven, J. L. Cross, Agent,	1 80	
New London, Robert Colt, Treasurer,	3 00	
North Greenwich, Rev. Mr. Wilcox, Treasurer,	6 94	
North Woodbury, Mrs. Nancy Sherman, Secretary,	14 50	3 50
Norwich, Female, Miss Sarah Backus, Secretary,	2 80	
Petipaug, Clark Nott, Treasurer,	1 73	2 30
Ridgefield, J. A. Scott, Agent,	3 00	
Saugus, Samuel Jackson, Treasurer,	33 75	11 25
Southbury, Rev. Thomas L. Shipman, Secretary,	10 00	
South Mansfield, Mrs. Nabby Arnold, Treasurer, (for Western Asia,)	9 20	38 00
South Woodbury, Female, Augusta L. Dukely, Agent,	5 84	10 00
Stratford, Ann Curtis, Treasurer,		
Willimantic, in Windham, Female, Mrs. A. Walker, Treasurer,		
NEW-YORK.—Adams, Jefferson Co.,	8 61	
Argyle, James Savage, President,	1 50	
Bethlehem, Orange Co. Robert Denniston, Treasurer,	4 67	
Butternut Falls, in Cornwall, P. S. Noxon, Treasurer,	2 67	
Canterbury, Peter Roe, Treasurer,	2 67	
Chester, Orange Co. Jesse Carpenter, Agent,	36	
Colchester, Delaware Co.,	10 78	
Columbia, in Walton, Delaware Co. Darius Seely, Secretary,	7 58	8 42
Dashville Falls, Female, Mrs. Jane Ann Butler, Secretary,	54	
Delhi, Female, Miss Amelia Knapp, Secretary,	3 00	
Esopus, Dr. Wheeler,	63	
Flat Bush, Ulster Co. (Union Aux.) Solomon Hendricks, Secretary,	6 82	
Goshen, Orange Co. Dr. J. S. Crane, Treasurer,	2 77	
Gouverneur, Female, Mrs. Lucina Parsons, President,	8 80	
Gravesend, L. I. Female, Mrs. Styker, Treasurer,	1 07	
Hartwick and Fly Creek, Albert North, Treasurer,	8 58	
Jamaica, L. I. James Rider, Treasurer,	1 07	
Merideth, Rev. Wm. Fisher, Agent,	7 28	
Monroe, Orange Co. D. W. McCulloch, Secretary,	4 53	
Monroe Works, Orange Co. Wm. A. Wood, Secretary,	6 27	
Montgomery, Orange Co. John F. Scott, Secretary,	4 80	
Do do, Female,	12 00	
Mount Morris, Female, Mrs. Lucretia S. C. Sleeper, Secretary,	10 00	
Mount Pleasant, A. Dunning, Treasurer,	80	
Newburgh, R. B. Williams, Treasurer,	6 49	
New Paltz, Ulster Co. Dr. D. Hasbrouck, Treasurer,	1 60	
New Windsor, Rev. J. H. Thomas, Secretary,	2 14	
New-York City, Alfred Edwards, Treasurer, (by Fem. Aux. Rutgers-street Church,)	76 75	
Do. Do. by the Female Branch, Mrs. E. B. Lethbridge Treasurer, (\$ 32 29 from the Collegiate Dutch Churches for Burmah,)	134 67	32 29
Patterson, Female, Elizabeth Hayt, Secretary,	2 08	
Poundridge, West Chester Co. Wm. L. Smith, Treasurer,	8 60	
Ridgebury, Orange Co. Jonathan Bailey, Treasurer,	1 00	
Rochester, Monroe Co. Levi A. Ward, Treasurer,	58 00	
Rockland, Sullivan Co.,	4 58	
Shelter Island, Jonathan Hunting, Treasurer,	73	
South East, Putnam Co. Female, Mrs. George Hubbell, Secretary,	3 86	8 80
South Salem,	5 58	
Suyvesant, Columbia Co. Mrs. E. Garretson, Treasurer,	2 43	
Utica, Edward Vernon, Secretary,	208 67	

# RECEIPTS.

83

	For Tr.	Dons.
West Point, Wm. K. Daniels, Treasurer,	15 00	
White Hall, Juv. Mrs. H. K. H. Plumley,	2 00	
Williamsburg, Mr. Meserole, Treasurer,	1 12	
NEW JERSEY.—Bellefonte, Sebastian Duncan, Secretary,	2 00	
Bloomfield, Juv. M. W. Dodd, Secretary,	2 94	
Caldwell, Female,	4 00	
Chatham Village, Female, Amelia Spencer, Secretary,	6 80	2 70
Chester, Morris Co. Wm. J. Hunt, President,	2 54	
Hardwick, Female, Sarah M. Roy, Treasurer,	1 25	
Kingston, Female, Miss Jane K. Comfort, Treasurer,	2 50	
Mansfield, Female, Rachael P. Criveling, Treasurer,	11 00	
Upper Freehold, Dr. James English, Secretary,	1 30	
Westfield, Female, Miss Mary Pierson, Secretary,	2 45	
PENN.—Dundaff, Female, Dr. Wm. Torbell, Treasurer,	2 52	
Honesdale, Wayne Co. Rev. Joel Campbell, President,	50 00	
Mount Pleasant, Rev. Mr. Richardson, Agent,	5 00	
Philadelphia Branch, Rev. J. T. Benedict, Gen. Agent, (For. Dis.)		44 95
Wattsburgh, Zalmon Tracy, Secretary,		8 00
MARYLAND.—Frederick City, Miss Mary L. Hammer, Treasurer,		8 75
D. C.—Washington City, John Kennedy, Treasurer,	81 32	
VIRGINIA.—Fredericksburg, Wm. H. White, Agent,	36 50	
Winchester, Daniel Gold, Treasurer,	55 00	2 00
NORTH-CAROLINA.—Elizabethtown, Bladen Co. Female, Jane Wright, Sec.		
Gulford Co.	50 00	
Lexington, Rev. D. C. Allen, Agent,	11 50	
Salisbury, Michael Brown, Treasurer,	150 00	
GEORGIA.—Darlen, Bayard E. Hand, Esq. Agent,	25 00	
ALABAMA.—Huntsville, John J. Coleman, Esq. Agent,	70 00	
Montgomery, Wm. Sayre, Agent,	50 00	
TENNESSEE.—Knoxville, James Park, Treasurer,	30 40	
Nashville, Samuel B. Snowden, Treasurer,	40 00	
KENTUCKY.—Danville, Michael G. Youce, Agent,	37 84	
OHIO.—Cleveland, Female, P. S. Lathrop, Treasurer,	10 00	
Columbus, Rev. James Hoge, D. D. President,	20 00	
Middlebury, (Portage Co. Aux.) Rev. Benson C. Baldwin, Treasurer,	85 00	
INDIANA.—Madison, Indiana Branch, Rev. Moses H. Wilder, Cor. Sec.	17 00	
Vincennes, Rev. Samuel L. Crosby, Treasurer,	17 12	
MIC. TER.—Dexter, Female, Charlotte M. Smith, Secretary,	4 25	3 25

## SOCIETIES NOT AUXILIARY.

VERMONT.—Bennington, Benevolent Association, N. Swift, Treasurer,	15 40	
NEW YORK.—Moravia, Cayuga Co. Ladies' Tract Society, for Val-		
ley of the Mississippi,		3 75
New Utrecht, L. I. Female Bible, Miss. and Tract Society, Mrs. C.		
Knapp, Treasurer,	1 71	
Pitcher, Chenango Co. Congregational Church,	5 00	
Vernon Centre, Young Peoples Tract Soc. Frederick F. Allen, Secretary,		4 00
NEW JERSEY.—Newark, Second Presbyterian Church,	30 00	
PENN.—Salem, Tract Society, Luther Weston, Agent,		3 50
West Mill Creek, Tract Society, J. F. McVary, Secretary,		4 00
KENTUCKY.—Danville, Young Mens' Tract Society, Wm. M. Rid-		
dle, Agent, (For. Dis.)		122 00
Perryville, Tract Society, (For. Dis.)		25 00
TRACTS sold at the Depository to individuals, (including \$ 70 44 from		
Traveling Agents,	748 23	
Cash for Rents on the Society's House,	243 25	
Cash refunded by a Traveling Agent,	20 00	

## Directors for Life.

MASS.—Dorchester, Rev. John Codman,	
D. D. by a Friend,	\$ 100 00
CONN.—Hartford, A. M. Collins,	100 00
NEW YORK.—East Hampton, L. I. Na-	
thaniel Gardiner, (in part of \$ 50.)	4 00
Montgomery, Orange Co. Rev. Robert	
P. Lee, Jr. Ref. Dutch Church, (in	
part of \$ 50.) For. Dis.	16 50
New York City, Wm. B. Crosby, Esq.	150 00
Wm. Henry Crosby, by his	
father, Wm. B. Crosby, Esq.	50 00
John P. Crosby, by do.	50 00
Scotchtown, Orange Co. Rev. Methuse-	
leh Baldwin, by his church and con-	
gregation, (in part of \$ 50.)	10 87
NEW JERSEY.—Aquechanonk, Rev.	
Wm. R. Bogardus, by Reformed Dutch	
Church,	50 00

## Members for Life.

MAINE.—Bangor, Rev. S. L. Pomroy, by	
Ladies of the 1st Cong. Soc.	20 00

VERMONT.—Bennington, Mrs. Emeline	
H. Ballard, by Benev. Assoc. Cong. Ch.	20 00
James Hicks, by do.	20 00
Miss Emma Hicks, do.	20 00
Dea. Nondiah Swift, do.	20 00
John W. Vail, do.	20 00
Vergennes, Mrs. Clarinda Lovell, by 6	
ladies,	20 00
CONN.—East Hartford, Timothy Hall,	20 00
Griswold, James Averill,	20 00
Dea. A. Huntington, by Daniel	
Huntington, (in full of \$ 20.)	10 00
Joseph Lester, (in full of \$ 20.)	10 00
Lucy B. Parkman, by Nathan Belcher,	
(in full of \$ 20.)	10 00
Mrs. Sally Tucker, by William Tucker,	
Esq. (in full of \$ 20.)	10 00
Sarah E. Woodbridge, by Mrs. Sarah E.	
Lester, (in full of \$ 20.)	10 00
James C. Tucker, by his father D. B.	
Tucker, (in part of \$ 20.)	5 00
Mary Tucker, by her father, William	
Tucker, Esq. (in part of \$ 20.)	10 00
New Haven, Rev. E. T. Fitch, D. D.	20 00
William Leflingwell, Esq.	25 00



North Woodstock, Mrs. Spencer Child,	20 00
N. YORK.—Belleville, Jefferson Co. Albert Taylor, by Pres. Soc.	20 00
Binghamton, Mrs. Louisa G. Ely, (in full of \$20.)	10 00
Cazenovia, J. C. Burnell, by his father Luther Burnell,	20 00
Gouverneur, Philo Parsons, by his father L. B. Parsons,	20 00
Middle Granville, Rev. Henry Morris, by Female Tract Society,	20 00
Niagara Falls, Deacon Aaron Childs,	20 00
Sag Harbor, Marcus B. Osborn, (in full of \$20.)	8 00
South Salem, Rev. Stephen Saunders, by his church and congregation,	22 11
Woodstock, Ulster Co. Rev. William Boyse, by his Society,	20 00
NEW JERSEY.—Hardwick, Rev. Benjamin I. Lowe, by his Congregation, Hardwick and Marksborough,	20 00
Newark, Jacob Haledet Burnet,	20 00
John L. Goble,	20 00
William Rankin,	25 00
Frederick S. Thomas, by his father, Princeton, John Van Doren,	25 00
Stillwater, Sussex Co. Rev. Thomas McDermott, by the Pres. Church,	20 00
N. CAROLINA.—Hillsboro', Dr. James Webb, (in part of \$20)	10 00
TENN.—Strawberry Plains, Jefferson Co. Rev. Hillary Patrick, by his church and congregation, (in part of \$20.)	9 80

#### Annual Members.

VER.—Middlebury, B. W. Reynolds, E. L.—Providence, Col. Alexander Jones,	2 00
CONN.—Norwich, Miss Nancy Fanning,	2 00
N. YORK.—New York City, Tarbel Jessup,	2 00
N. JERSEY.—Connecticut Farms, Mrs. M. Brant,	1 00

#### Other Donations.

A Friend, § 2. A Friend, (for Burmah) 25 cents,	2 25
MAINE.—Bangor, Ladies' 1st Cong. Society,	4 00
VER.—Orwell, individuals of Cong. Soc. Mrs. Anna Scovill, (for Burmah.)	5 00
MASS.—A Friend,	50 00
CONN.—Avon, East Church and Congregation, Rev. F. B. Case, Pastor,	12 00
Greenwich, Miss Laura Howe,	1 00
Griswold, John Tyler,	10 00
Hampton, individuals, (For. Dis.)	6 16
Litchfield, J. C. Kent,	8 00
Middlebury, Benevolent Association, Robert Townsend, Treasurer,	7 72
Milford, Western District, Friends, (for Burmah.)	2 00
New Haven, Professor Josiah W. Gibbs, (For. Dis.)	5 00
Newington, Miss Anna Camp,	10 00
Portmout, a collection, (For. Dis.)	14 75
West Hartland, Mrs. O. Gaylord,	2 00
N. Y.—Albany, Ladies Ref. Dutch Ch. Richard Varick De Witt, (part avails of type.)	22 00
Miss Cornelia Van Rensselaer,	287 17
Augusta, E. Lewis, § 1. Stockbridge, two individuals, 75 cents,	10 00
Austerlitz, Columbia Co. Lovisa Pratt, a Legacy	1 75
Brighton, Monroe Co. Society of Rev. Mr. Miller, (For. Dis.)	100 00
Bridgewater, individuals,	2 00
Cayuga Creek, Presbyterian Congregation, (For. Dis.)	1 25
Cazenovia, church and congregation,	6 00
	26 45

Chittenango, Reformed Dutch Society,	10 00
Cold Springs, Columbia Co. Presbyterian Society,	4 00
Columbia, Herkimer Co. Col. Mills § 5, Col. Adams § 5,	10 00
East Durham, Green Co. Society,	15 00
Elbridge, Mrs. Adams,	62
Franklin, Delaware Co. church and congregation, (For. Dis.)	41 87
Franklinville, Pres. Society, (For. Dis.)	2 82
Georgetown, Madison Co. Rev. N. Lasham, (For. Dis.)	5 00
Hamilton, Baptist church and congregation,	12 43
Presbyterian church and congregation,	11 75
Hamilton Centre, church and congregation, (For. Dis.)	5 75
Horse Heads, Tioga Co. Pres. Society, (For. Dis.)	10 00
Huntington, Christopher Meng, a Legacy,	50 00
Hunt's Hollow, Presbyterian Congregation, (For. Dis.)	3 53
Little Britain, Orange Co. Associate Reformed Church, (For. Dis.)	20 00
Madison, Baptist Soc. § 2 75, Presbyterian do. § 13 24,	15 99
Newark, Wayne Co. Cong. of Rev. Mr. Ware, (For. Dis.)	5 57
New York City, Infant School, Spring-street Church, (For Burmah.)	3 50
Oneida Lake, Oneida Co. Congregation,	18
Ovid, Seneca Co. (For. Dis.)	3 75
Poundridge, Mrs. H.	8 00
Riverhead, Suffolk Co. Ben. Soc. Cen. Church,	5 00
Rushville, Yates Co. Congregation,	1 25
Do. do. O. Green, (For. Dis.)	1 00
Sangerfield Centre, Congregation,	1 00
Sullivan, Madison Co. 2d Pres. Church and Congregation,	21 46
Waterville, Ch. and Cong. § 4 97, Marshall, Ch. and Cong. § 7 19	12 16
Westford, Otsego Co. Charles Mason, § 5, John Mason, § 5,	10 00
N. J.—Bloomfield, A Female Friend, avails of watch,	11 00
Connecticut Farms, Collection,	10 00
Hardwick and Marksborough, Cong.	20 50
Newark, First Pres. Church,	165 60
Second do.	72 00
Members of Third do.	92 36
Baptist Church,	26 25
New Providence, Pres. Church,	57 55
Newton, Sussex Co. do.	3 50
Plainfield, Essex Co. do.	11 04
Princeton, A Friend,	25 00
Springfield, Oliver Wade, § 1, Lucy Atwater, § 1,	2 00
PENN.—Salem, Luther Weston, (For. Dis.)	10 00
VIR.—Danville, Miss Ann Benedict,	2 00
N. C.—Sallabury, Miss Harriet Long,	2 25
TENN.—Fayetteville, Rev. James H. Brooks,	5 00
Thomas G. M. Martin,	2 00
OHIO.—Lorain Co. A Female Teacher, (For. Dis.)	5 50
Morgan, Ashtabula Co. Monthly Concert, (For Burmah.)	10 00
MIC. TER.—Sault Ste Marie, Richardson, May,	3 00

The above list contains donations—  
For Valley of the Mississippi, § 8 75;  
For Foreign Distribution, (including § 53 04 for Burmah, § 33 for Western Asia,

Whole amount of Donations,	2,983 85
Received for Tracts sold,	2,982 51
Total,	5,796 86

# THE AMERICAN

## Tract Magazine.

**VOL. VIII.**

**JULY, 1833.**

**NO. 7.**

### 20,000 DOLLARS FOR TRACTS IN FOREIGN LANDS.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Tract Society, New-York, June 17, 1833, the following resolutions, after careful consideration, were unanimously adopted:

**RESOLVED**, That in the opinion of this Committee it is desirable that the sum of at least \$20,000 be remitted during the Society's current year, for Tract operations in Pagan and Foreign lands.

**RESOLVED**, That the following amounts be appropriated, and remitted to the respective stations as soon as adequate contributions shall be received, and favorable opportunities be afforded for transmitting them: viz. For the use of

American Baptist Mission in Burmah,	\$3,500
Do. do. Siam,	500
American Mission, China,	2,000
Do. do. Ceylon,	1,800
Do. do. Bombay,	1,000
Do. do. Sandwich Islands,	1,500
Do. do. Syria,	500
Do. do. Constantinople, Asia Minor, and Armenia,	1,500
Do. do. to Jews in Turkey,	500
Missions of the United Brethren,	500
Mission of Am. Board of Com. for For. Mis. in Siam,	500
Do. do. do. in Greece and the Greek Islands,	800
Do. do. do. among Choctaws and other Indians,	400
Mission of Dom. and For. Mis. Soc. Prot. Episcopal Church, in Greece,	800
Do. do. do. do. Green Bay,	200
Rev. Josiah Brewer, Smyrna,	300
Rev. Mr. Sutton, for Baptist Mission at Orissa, India,	300
Rev. Richard Knill, and William Repes, Esq. St. Petersburg, Russia,	1,200
Lower Saxony Tract Society, Hamburg,	500
To be designated hereafter for France, and elsewhere, as additional information may be received,	1,700
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

The Committee have been induced to adopt the above proceedings, by the following among other considerations:

1. *The openings of Providence at the various stations* indicate that the way is preparing for operations through THE PRESS, and especially in the form of TRACTS, far more extensive and efficient than have yet been made. For statements illustrating

this point, they refer to the last two Annual Reports of the Society ; and in respect to the immense empire of CHINA, to the interesting communication of *Rev. Dr. Morrison*, just received, which is hereto appended.

2. *God has evidently awakened in the churches an unusual interest and spirit of liberality in reference to this work.* To this not only an extensive personal intercourse with clergymen and laymen, but the whole current of information received through the Society's agents, its correspondence, and the press, give testimony.

3. *A desire to anticipate the wants of our missionary brethren, and thus incite them to more vigorous exertions.* Too long have they been left to struggle with very limited means, and no sufficient evidence that, if they entered extensively on Tract operations, the expense would be sustained. Some of them have expressed the great encouragement derived from the Society's recent communications ; and at most, if not all the stations, a new impulse has been given to their efforts, especially in the preparation of approved *original Tracts* adapted to the wants of the people.

4. The injunction, *Work while it is day*, also inspires the Committee. God is opening doors of usefulness ; and they wish, in his strength, and under the guidance of his Spirit, to go up at once and possess the land which he has spread before them ; and they affectionately invite all who desire the coming and kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to congregate to this work their ardent supplications to Him, and their *liberal contributions*.

The Committee feel constrained to add, that, in what may be done for foreign lands, they would deeply deprecate *any diversion of effort from our own country*. It is not the spirit of the Gospel, while laboring for those abroad, to neglect those perishing at home, and perhaps at our very doors. Our interest in the heathen should rather stimulate us to cultivate the feelings and increase the resources at home, which alone can succor them. Every new source of information at the same time shows the spiritual wants of our country to be greater than had been before conceived. Ministers to supply the destitutions cannot be soon raised up. The Sabbath School system imparts its blessings mainly to the young. By what means shall millions, dispersed throughout our whole country, be brought under the influence of the Gospel, if not through the *press, accompanied by the prayers and personal labors of the people of God* ? This work the Society is prosecuting with unabated zeal, and with a system by which, if fully carried out, every destitute family may be reached. The whole country is

divided into *Agent's fields*, in *fifteen* of which faithful men are laboring to rouse the churches to effort, and effect the supply of the whole population. At least *fifteen more qualified men* are now needed for fields yet unoccupied. It is hoped also that *able evangelical writers* (from some of whom several valuable Tracts have recently been received) will feel their responsibility to prepare *new publications* adapted to the spiritual wants of our great community; and that *all* will cheerfully consecrate to this work in *our own*, as well as other lands, not only their earthly substance and their believing prayers, but their *self-denying, individual exertions*.

By order of the Executive Committee,

JAMES MILNOR, *Chairman*.

WILLIAM A. HALLOCK, *Cor. Sec.*

New-York, June 17, 1833.

#### LETTER OF DR. MORRISON.

CHINA, Feb. 5th, 1833.

To Rev. William A. Hallock, *Cor. Sec.*

DEAR SIR:—My friend and fellow-servant Mr. Bridgman has shown me your letter concerning Tracts in China, wherein you ask particularly whether it be a fact that those speaking different dialects read one language? It is the fact. The same Chinese book is read by all the various inhabitants of the numerous provinces of this vast empire, although in some instances their speech is wholly unintelligible to each other. And as I have stated elsewhere, not only in China, but also in Corea, Japan, Loochoo, and Cochinchina, the same Chinese book is intelligible. I myself, as well as my late brother Dr. Milne, have verified this fact by actual experiment.

You ask next *why it is so*, that men speaking different dialects in China read the same language? One remark will enable you to answer this question—How is it that all the nations of Europe and America, English, French, Spanish, Italian, &c. &c. whose languages are so different, can read the Arabic figures? The figures retain the same form and the same value when presented to the eye, however differently they may be pronounced.

You ask again if it be the fact that Buddhism has been introduced into China by the Press? The fact is this, that from the beginning there have been Missionaries and priests of Buddhism, but they have never *preached*—they have only translated and written books. The ethics of Confucius have been propagated in a similar way. The school and the Press are the only means. It has not been the usage to have public lectures or preachings.

The five Chinese-language nations which I have enumerated above contain probably much more than one third of the population of the globe. They have long known the use of letters, have possessed a literature, and have used the Press for at least seven hundred years.

But their literature is either idolatrous, or atheistical, or profligate. The reader of grave compositions can learn little but either irreligion or gross superstition, and the reader of light literature can learn little but folly or licentiousness. The first great requisite for the regeneration of China, humanly speaking, is a large increase of Christian Chinese students, in order to form good writers to create an instructive and religious literature for China. And the next requisite is, cheap moveable Chinese types. Concerning these Mr. Bridgman can give you more information. How far your Society will be able to co-operate directly I cannot say, in supplying these requisites, but I sincerely hope that the members of it will devise liberal things concerning China.

May God our Savior direct to the use of such means as he will own and bless; and may God the Holy Ghost breathe upon this valley full of dry bones, that they may live!

I remain, dear sir,

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT MORRISON.

## CONVICTION AND CONVERSION

ILLUSTRATED BY EXAMPLES.

### *To Clergymen:*

The Publishing Committee of the American Tract Society wish to prepare a volume, or a series of small volumes, illustrating by examples the work of the Holy Spirit in the conviction and conversion of sinners. For this purpose they respectfully request Clergymen and others to communicate well written and well authenticated reports of cases within their personal knowledge. It is not so much desired that the reports, or narratives, be of an extraordinary character, as that they be clear, concise, and discriminating, and thus afford plain instruction on a subject unspeakably important. The names of individuals whose cases are reported, especially if they are still living, it will doubtless be inexpedient to publish; but in every case it will be indispensable that the Committee have full testimony that the statements given are strictly authentic.

JAMES MILNOR,

*Chairman of the Committee.*

WILLIAM A. HALLOCK, *Secretary.*

*New-York, June 17, 1833.*

THE  
MONTHLY DISTRIBUTER:

OR,

Specimens of New Tracts.

To be published by the American Tract Society, commencing with  
July, 1833.

PLAN AND OBJECTS.

1. It is intended to contain, each month, one or more of the new Tracts issued by the American Tract Society.

2. It will enable those who desire it to obtain the new Tracts sooner than by the ordinary course.

3. It is hoped that by making the Tracts extensively known, it will greatly increase the call for them at the Depositories.

4. The postage on a *Periodical* being comparatively small, it will enable the benevolent at once to give wide circulation to every Tract that is peculiarly *seasonable*; or to order such as seem appropriate, to be sent to distant friends and acquaintances.

5. *Terms*.—Fifty cents in advance for twelve monthly numbers; and at the same rate for distributing a quantity of any one number.

It is hoped that many who receive this will be disposed to avail themselves of such a channel of influence, by advancing donations for the purpose, and directing copies of the series, or of particular numbers, to be sent to classes of men, or to individuals whom they may name.

It is also hoped that in many towns and districts a few individuals may be found ready to furnish a copy of the series to each family of their acquaintance willing to receive it. And who can tell what influence such examples may have toward a general supply of the families of the United States with religious Tracts?

"The freedom and power of the press is a price put into our hands, not only to get wisdom, but to impart it to *others* and to *all*. We are under sacred obligations then, of which we cannot divest ourselves, to use this power, and to use it *well*."

Letters may be addressed to WILLIAM A. HALLOCK, *Secretary*, &c.  
No. 150 Nassau-street, New-York.

*Sudden death of the REV. DAVID FOSTER, Agent of the Society in  
Illinois.*

A letter from Rev. John Barber, Jun., dated Edwardsville, Ill., May 11, gives the following afflicting intelligence:

"It is my painful duty to inform you that our very dear fellow-laborer in the Tract cause, and my beloved father in the ministry, the Rev. David Foster, is no more. He died of malignant cholera on the

9th of May. He had premonitory symptoms in the morning, but did not think of the cholera—traveled fifteen miles before breakfast, when he remarked that he felt unwell, but was soon aware that some terrific disease had seized him. Spasms immediately followed—medical aid was procured as soon as possible, though some 10 or 20 miles distant. But the fatal disease made steady advances. He became convinced immediately that his work was done—said he was resigned to his Master's will; but that his bodily sufferings were *wholly indescribable*. About 8 o'clock that evening the work of death was completed. He had been a minister of the gospel in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church ever since its beginning. His age was 53."

### AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY, BOSTON.

The *Nineteenth Anniversary* was attended by a large assembly in Park-street church, on Wednesday evening, May 29, Hon. WILLIAM REED, *President*, in the chair, and was a meeting of deep interest. After prayer, and the reading and acceptance of the report, the following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Society, in addition to their efforts for the supply of the destitute abroad, will, in reliance on the divine blessing, take effective measures for supplying those parts of New-England which are least favored with the preaching of the Gospel, with the bread of life, by the systematic distribution of Tracts.

*Resolved*, That the principles involved in the resolution just passed are highly important in their application to our whole country and the world.

*Resolved*, That since the indications of divine Providence justify the expectation that Christian Tracts are to be greatly instrumental in the conversion of the world, and are to be extensively employed as pioneers for the Bible and for the missionary, the friends of the Redeemer are urgently called to more vigorous efforts for their distribution in foreign lands.

Addresses of uncommon interest were made by Rev. Jotham Sewall, of Maine; Rev. Joel H. Linsley, of Boston; Rev. Mr. Peters, of New-York; Rev. Mr. Babcock, of Salem; Rev. Mr. Sutton, Baptist Missionary from Orissa; and Rev. Mr. Plumer, of Virginia.

The late Secretary and General Agent having resigned their stations on account of ill health, Rev. SETH BLISS was elected to both those offices.

#### *Abstract of the Report.*

*Receipts*, \$13,787 88, of which \$5,886 53 was for publications sold.

*Expenditures*, \$13,199 97, of which \$5,199 95 was in payment for Tracts; \$ 3,952 granted in money for foreign distribution, and \$148 for the western states.

*Circulated*, 9,364,812 pages, 8,734,660 of which were on sale.

*Auxiliaries*, 353 ; of which 57 are in Maine, 49 in New-Hampshire, 45 in Vermont, 194 in Mass., 2 in R. Island, 3 in Connecticut, 3 in Nova Scotia and New-Brunswick. The Society has also 35 Depositories.

*Monthly Distribution in Salem.*

For two full years a Tract has been presented monthly to every family in that town who were willing to receive it, and it has been found, that of the 2500 families in Salem, more than 2300 have readily received the Tract offered. The following fact illustrates the value of a single Tract. A young man in Salem, who had embraced dangerous errors in sentiment, was about to leave that place for a distant city. His pious mother having little of this world's goods to bestow, presented him, on parting, with a Tract which had been left at the house by the monthly distributor. It was embalmed no doubt by a mother's prayers, and marked for a memorial before God. He laid it carelessly in his trunk, and for some time paid no attention to it. About the middle of last September it providentially came in his way, and proved instrumental in awakening within him a concern for his salvation, the impression of which did not leave him until he obtained peace in believing. He is now a member of the church of Christ.

**FUTURE EFFORTS.**

[Under this head the report vividly describes the moral wants, first of our own country, and then of pagan lands.]

"I have to lament," says Dr. Judson, "the loss of the leader of the little church in this quarter, the first of the northern Karens, who, we hope, has arrived safe in heaven. I ought perhaps to except the case of a man and wife near the head of the Pa-tah river, who, though not baptized, and never seen by any foreign missionary, both died in the faith: *the man enjoining it on his surviving friends to have the 'Views of the Christian Religion' laid on his breast and buried with him.*"

———"He never saw  
The book of heavenly wisdom, and no saint  
Had told him how the sinner might be saved.

——But to his hat  
A little Tract, a messenger of love,  
A herald of glad tidings, found its way:  
Borne over rapid streams, and deep blue lakes  
Embower'd in trees, and o'er the waving woods,  
Perchance upon the pinions of the breeze,  
At length it came. It was not like the bunch  
Of brittle palms on which he learn'd to read;  
Its letters were more nice, its texture fair;  
Its words—he wonder'd as he look'd on them.  
There was some holy love he never knew;  
There was a spirit breathing in each line.  
He felt unutterable thoughts, as now  
He scan'd the whole, now read each wondrous word.  
It told of God the Maker, and of Him  
Who died for man's salvation;  
He wept, and pray'd, and mourn'd a wretched life  
Of constant sin; and gave himself to God.



-----The time  
Of death was on his cheek. His burning brow  
Told of the pain he felt. Still no saint was near  
To tell of joys to come. No man of God  
Stood by his bed to soothe the final hour.

-----But he had peace.  
'When I am dead,' he saith, 'put ye the little book  
Upon my breast, and let it go with me  
Down to my sepulchre. It taught me all  
That I have learn'd of God; and heaven, and hell.  
I love the man who wrote it, and that God  
Who brought it to my home.'

### WINCHESTER, VA., AUXILIARY.

Sixth Report presented May 1; circulated 377,816 pages and 70 bound volumes of Tracts, besides the following *large number of occasional volumes*: viz. 101 Rise and Progress, 94 Saints' Rest, 20 Christian Reader, 167 Pike's Persuasive, 44 Family Hymns, 208 Baxter's Call, 148 Pilgrim's Progress, and a number of smaller publications. Amount of sales \$ 620; value of stock in the Depository \$ 400.

The operations of the Society have been extended into a number of counties; strong confidence is expressed in the efficiency of the system of *Monthly Distribution* when "conducted by persons of mature piety and prudent moral courage, and sustained by the countenance and prayers of the churches;" and a very deep interest is manifested in the operations of the Parent Society, especially in pagan lands. *Prompt payment* is made for all publications purchased, and \$ 117 22 have been remitted during the year, as a donation. Our limits forbid extracts. Mr. DANIEL GOLD, Treasurer and Agent.

### FEMALE AUXILIARY, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

The monthly distribution has been faithfully prosecuted in Cleveland, which is regarded as a field of unusual interest. It is divided into 11 districts, and 45,680 pages have been distributed. The managers having learned that Tracts were much prized by the *emigrants in the Mank's village* in a neighboring town, have supplied them with Tracts, which have been read by the parents, made class books in the Sabbath school, and acknowledged with affecting expressions of gratitude.

### BRANCH AT ST. LOUIS.

The sixth anniversary of the Missouri and Illinois Branch Tract Society was held April 12th, Rev. Mr. Potts, President, in the chair. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Messrs. Thomas R. Durfee, D. M. Kirkpatrick, and E. F. Hatfield; and the following resolutions adopted:

That it be recommended to the Auxiliaries and friends of this Society to use speedy and vigorous exertions to introduce the *regular systematic distribution* of Tracts in every town and settlement where it can be effected.

That the present and increasing spiritual wants of this community call loudly for the *personal efforts* of the friends of Christ in the distribution of Tracts.

Receipts \$ 891 96; disbursements \$ 742 47. The present value of the Depository is nearly \$ 900, for which but a small sum is due

the Parent Society. Issued during the year, 1,033,399 pages;—total since the Society's formation 3,838,126. Of the Christian Almanac for 1833, 4,000 were sold previous to January 1.

#### *Agencies.*

The report presents the indispensable necessity of the labors of *zealous and experienced Agents* to rouse the people to action. Rev. C. W. Allen, after laboring three years in that field, says,

The welcome reception which the Tracts and the Agent have met; the big tear of gratitude as it stood in the eye, and the tear of penitence as it stole its way down the cheek, have amply compensated for all the labors and trials I have had to endure. Much has been done; but far more remains to be done in supplying the community with Tracts. The demand for effort at the *present time* in this department of benevolence is imperious—never more so.

Rev. D. M. Kirkpatrick is now laboring in Missouri, and Rev. John Barber, jun. and Mr. Robert Stewart in Illinois. It is usual for these brethren to take with them traveling Depositories, from which it is hoped that every settlement in the two states will be supplied.

#### *Auxiliaries.*

Of these there are in Missouri 32; in Illinois 47—total 79.

#### *Monthly Distribution.*

This system of effort is adopted to a considerable extent, and is believed to be one of the happiest ways yet devised of carrying the Gospel to every creature, especially where the labors of the living preacher are not enjoyed.

One Society says, We have seen the Temperance cause fighting its way through great opposition, by means of Tracts and the labors of Distributors.

#### *An Objection.*

It is believed that in many cases *an objection* arises against this system, solely because it *calls forth the energies of Christians*, and brings them into nearer contact with men of the world, in their appropriate character as *propagators of religion*, than almost any other system of effort.

\*.\* Instances of the usefulness of Tracts may be expected next month.

---

### NEW TRACTS.

No. 277. THE ETERNAL MISERY OF HELL. By Rev. James Saurin.—pp. 8. Involving a privation of heaven, unutterable anguish, remorse of conscience, the society of the infamous, an increase of sin—to all which must be added ETERNITY.

No. 279. WHAT HAVE I DONE? A *premium Tract*, by Rev. William Nevins, Baltimore—pp. 12. Suppose you had done *nothing*, you would be guilty; but you have done *something*—

you have done *wrong*—*how often*, will be seen when the books are opened—you have done it *against God*—*against Christ*—*against the Holy Ghost*. You must do *something more*—quickly—and what God directs—trust in the Savior. The duty will never be *different*—never be *easier*. *Will you do it now?*

No. 281. **THE ALMOST CHRISTIAN.** By H. A. Boardman—pp. 16. This Tract strikingly characterizes a numerous class of persons—amiable, intelligent, and respectful toward religious institutions, yet confessedly living without God and without hope; and concludes with thrilling appeals to the understanding, conscience, and heart, on the guilt and danger of remaining in such a state.

**COTTON MATHER'S ESSAYS TO DO GOOD**—pp. 108, 18mo. Price 18 cts. in sheep. This treatise on the *occasions*, the *rewards*, and particularly the *methods* of doing good, has long been called for from the Society. Such portions of the original Essays as were exclusively adapted to the times in which the author lived, are in this edition omitted; and some slight changes have been made in the phraseology.

**MEMOIR OF REV. SAMUEL KILPIN**, of Exeter, England, including his narrative of Samuel Wyke Kilpin, his only child—pp. 156, 18mo. Price 20 cents in sheep. This memoir presents the life of an able and devoted clergyman burning with ardor to be instrumental in bringing multitudes to God; especially from those living in open neglect of the Gospel. Its impressive language to every Christian's heart is, "Go thou and do likewise;" and the results, were the injunction obeyed, would doubtless be glorious beyond conception.

## RECEIPTS.

### INTO THE TREASURY OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

*During the month ending June 15, 1833.*

#### FROM AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETIES.

	For Tr.	Don.
VER.—Poulney, W. P. Noyes, Secretary,	3 00	
MASS.—Boston, American Tract Society, John Tappan, Esq. Treasurer,	50 00	
CONN.—Brooklyn, (Windham Co. Atty.) Edwin Newbury, Esq. Agent,	7 00	
Greenwich, Solomon Mead, Secretary,	1 04	
Hartford, Conn. Branch, Charles Hamer, Secretary,	225 00	
Rosl., Mrs. H. P. Weston, Agent,	4 00	
New-Haven, J. L. Cross, Agent,	178 05	
Newark, Alfred Malbury, Treasurer,	25	
Saybrook, Anne Sheffield, Treasurer,	1 75	0 00
Sharon, David Gould, Treasurer,	1 00	

	For Tr.	Donat.
<b>NEW-YORK.</b> —Berée, in Montgomery, J. B. Ten Eyck, Agent,	2 00	
Bullhack, Orange Co., Joseph Little, Secretary,	80	
Buttermilk Falls, P. S. Noxon, Treasurer,	87	
Canandaigua, Female, Mrs. Eliza M. Hubbell, Treasurer,	23 60	
Carmel, Putnam Co., Morgan Raymond, Treasurer,	1 45	
Cornell, Female, M. Raymond, Treasurer,	1 28	
Flatbush, L. I., Female, Mrs. Laura Johnson, Treasurer,	25 62	
Flatlands, L. I., Female, Mrs. L. A. Van Noyce, Treasurer,	80	
Franklin, Delaware Co., James A. Grant, Treasurer,	2 00	
Fredonia, Sarah Gregory, Treasurer,	3 00	
James town, Female, Mrs. C. R. Harvey, Secretary,	19 00	4 00
Jamaica, James Rider, Treasurer,	2 13	
Keseville, Female, Mrs. Jane Aiken, Secretary,		6 00
Kingsboro', Montgomery Co., Rev. Elisha Yale, Secretary,	8 33	
Livingston and Clermont, Columbia Co., Mrs. Reed, Treasurer,	8 37	
Marbletown, Ulster Co., Dr. Lewis F. Hasbrouck, Treasurer,	1 56	2 12
Montgomery, Orange Co.,	8 40	4 69
Do, do, Ref. Dutch Church, Rev. Robert P. Lee, Agent,	20 00	
New-York City, Alfred Edwards, Treasurer,	120 80	
Do, by the Female Branch, Mrs. E. B. Lethbridge, Treasurer,	8 49	
North-Salem, Betsey Delavan, Treasurer,	24 56	
Plattsburgh, William Weed, Treasurer,	1 50	75
Portland, Chautauque Co., Timothy Judson, Secretary,	68	
Ridgebury, Orange Co., Jonathan Bailey, Treasurer,	24 00	
Schoharie, (Schoharie Co. Aux.) John Ingold, Treasurer,	7 00	
Shawangunk, Ulster Co., Moses J. Decker, Secretary,	20 00	
Southampton, Rev. D. Beers, Treasurer,	3 00	
Tompkinsville,	7 00	
<b>NEW-JERSEY.</b> —Baskingridge, Horace Sheldon, Secretary,	5 03	
Belleville, Sebastian Duncan, Secretary,	4 40	
Bloomfield, Z. B. Dodd, Treasurer,	4 00	
Connecticut Farms,	3 00	
Hackettstown, Female, Miss Euphemia Robertson, Treasurer,	5 53	2 97
Lamington, Female, Mrs. Blauvelt, President,	2 06	
Littleton, E. Osborne, President,	5 91	
Mendham, Mrs. Johnson, Secretary,	20 50	10 00
Morristown, J. L. Allen, Treasurer,	4 54	
Newark, Female, Mrs. Sarah M. Graham, Treasurer,	2 34	
Rahway,	5 00	
Trenton, 1st Church, Female, Esther M'Ilvaine, Treasurer,	7 00	
<b>PENNSYLVANIA.</b> —Montrose, Jerre Lyons, Secretary,	280 40	
Philadelphia Branch, Frederick T. Erringer, Treasurer,	3 00	1 00
<b>MARYLAND.</b> —Buckingham Academy, Juvenile, W. H. Riley, Secretary,	6 00	
<b>DIST. COL.</b> —Alexandria, Female, Mrs. E. S. Ladd, Secretary,	5 00	
<b>VIRGINIA.</b> —Clarkburg, Richard Despard, Treasurer,	16 38	
Winchester, Daniel Gold, Treasurer,	30 00	
<b>NORTH-CAROLINA.</b> —Salisbury, Michael Brown, Treasurer,	27 50	
<b>ALABAMA.</b> —Huntsville, John J. Coleman, Esq. Agent,		5 00
Do, (for Burmah),	37 50	
<b>TENNESSEE.</b> —Nashville, Samuel B. Snowden, Treasurer,	75 45	
<b>KENTUCKY.</b> —Louisville, Jacob M. Weaver, Treasurer,	17 81	
<b>OHIO.</b> —Dayton, Dr. Job Haines, Secretary,	9 00	
<b>ILLINOIS.</b> —Jacksonville,	33 56	
<b>MISSOURI.</b> —St. Louis, Missouri and Illinois Branch, W. S. Olmsted, Treas.		

## SOCIETIES NOT AUXILIARY.

<b>VERMONT.</b> —Chelsea, Ladies' Tract Society, (for China.)	2 88	18 00
<b>MASS.</b> —Amherst, Miss Hannah Shepherd, Treasurer,	8 20	4 00
<b>CONN.</b> —Suffield, West Society, Cong. Church,		7 00
<b>NEW-YORK.</b> —Blenheim.		
Crown Point, Essex Co., H. Stowell, Treasurer,	4 00	
Danby, Tompkins Co., Herman Smith, Treasurer,	12 43	1 00
James town, Infant School Tract Society, per Miss C. Brewster,	5 00	3 19
Hammond, St. Lawrence Co.,		
<b>ILLINOIS.</b> —A Tract Society, by Robert Stewart, Agent,		
Tracts sold at the Depository to individuals, including \$23 00 from traveling Agents,	441 67	

## Dispositors for Life.

<b>R. IRL.</b> —Providence, Nicholas Brown, Esq., in part for perpetuating "Edwards on the Affections,"	\$ 90 00	
Do, Nathaniel T. Eldredge, Esq. (in full of \$20.),	25 00	
<b>NEW-YORK.</b> —Savva, Rev. Henry Dwight,	125 00	
New-York City, Arthur Tappan, for Premium Tracts,	300 00	
N. Y. City, Moses Allen, for Prem. Tr.	100 00	
Do, Richard T. Haines, for do.	100 00	
Do, Lockwood De Forest,	50 00	
Do, Peletiah Park,	50 00	
<b>N. JERSEY.</b> —Baskingridge, Rev. John C. Vandervoort, by his church and congregation, (in full of \$20.),	30 00	
Orange, Rev. William C. White, by his church and congregation,	50 00	
Pinefield, Rev. Lewis Bond, by his ch. and cong., (in full of \$20.),	30 00	

*Members for Life.*

R. ISL.—Providence, Josiah Chapin, . . .	20 00
CONN.—Bridgeport, Mrs. Catharina M. Bassett, (in full of \$20.)	5 00
Suffield, Rev. Henry Robinson, by his church and congregation,	20 00
N. YORK.—Hurley, Miss Diana Dubois, (in part of \$20.)	10 00
New-Rochelle, Rev. George Stebbins, by his church and congregation,	21 00
New-York City, Thomas Greenleaf, by his grandmother, Mrs. Greenleaf, . .	30 00
Do. Mrs. Obadiah Holmes, by her husband,	20 00
Do. Miss Gertrude Holmes, by her father, Mr. Obadiah Holmes, . . .	20 00
Schoharie, Rev. Paul Wisdman, by Fem. Præst Society,	20 00
N. JERSEY.—Baskingridge, Mrs. Eliza Vandervoort, by Soc. of Rev. J. C. Vandervoort,	20 00
New-Brunswick, Rev. Samuel Howe, D. D., by a member of his church,	20 00
Rockaway, Samuel S. Beach, by his children,	20 00
Do. Thomas I. King, by his mother, Somerville, Rev. Abraham Mealer, by Mr. T. C. Doremus, New-York,	20 00
Springfield, Matthias Denman	20 00
Do. Jonathan Parkhurst, (in part of \$20.)	10 00
VIRGINIA.—Morganville P. O., Nottoway Co., Richard Jones, (in part of \$20.)	10 00
Do. do. Dr. Robert Shore, (in part of \$20.)	10 00
Do. do. William T. Willis, (in part of \$20.)	10 00
Nottoway C. H., L. C. Baulder, (in part of \$20.)	10 00
Do. do. John F. Ward, (in part of \$20.)	10 00
Do. do. Thomas F. Ward, (in part of \$20.)	10 00
GEO.—Riceboro, James S. Jullock Esq.	20 00

*Annual Director.*

N. YORK.—New-York City, Mrs. Hannah Murray, . . .	5 00
---	------

*Annual Members.*

N. YORK.—New-York City, Mrs. Harriet Van Nostrand, . . .	2 00
Do. Miss Eleanor E. Van Nostrand, . .	2 00
Do. Mrs. James A. Stevens, . . .	2 00

*Other Donations.*

—A friend, . . .	1 00
VER.—Pittsford, a friend, . . .	1 00
MASS.—Andover, Students in Theological Seminary, . . .	5 50
Lenox, a friend of Missions, avails of jewelry, (for Burmah), . . .	8 00
Northampton, Mrs. Stebbins, (for Eastern Asia, . . .	1 00
Do. a friend, (for do.) 50 c., poor woman, (for do.) 25 c. . .	75
R. ISL.—Barrington, Ladies' Benevolent Association, Mrs. Mary Martin, Tr., (For Dis.) . . .	4 00
Do. Gentlemen's do., Learned Peck, Treasurer, (For Dis.) . . .	8 00
CONN.—Mrs. Gervon Sturgess, . . .	1 00
Sterling, Female Bible Class in Congregational Society, (for Vall. Miss. . .	5 00
West Greenwich, Congregational Soc.	38 00

N. YORK.—Canandaigua, Hannah Patridge, (for China), . . .	3 00
Coldenham, Miss Mary Hornbeck, . .	3 00
Binghamton, Mrs. Matilda Lockwood, (for China), . . .	2 00
East Palmyra, Wayne Co., individuals, (For Dis.) . . .	3 62
Flatbush, John Berres, . . .	4 24
Gorham and Geneva, individuals, (for Michigan Territory, . . .	16 00
Little Falls, Herkimer Co., Presb. Ch. and Cong. . . .	7 56
Lowville, Miss Caroline W. Northop, (for China), . . .	5 00
Malone, Franklin Co., Mrs. Kellogg, Martinsburgh, Miss Almira Hough, (for China), . . .	10 00
Mendon Corners, Monroe Co., children of Rev. J. Thalmer, (For Dis.) . .	25
New-York City, Micah Baldwin, . . .	10 00
Do. Elihu Blake, . . .	5 00
Do. T. C. Doremus, in memory of his deceased children, Eleanor Mandeville and Sarah Dubois, . . .	40 00
Do. Rev. H. G. Ludlow, §7; Rev. Gardner Spring, D. D., §10, . . .	17 00
Do. a friend, 62 c.; a friend, 20 c. . .	82
Norfolk, St. Lawrence Co., Presb. Ch. and Cong. (For Dis.) . . .	7 00
Pike, Allegany Co., Daniel Lawrence, . . .	1 00
Princeton, Congregation, Schenectady Co., . . .	4 00
Potsdam, St. Lawrence Co., Presb. Ch. and Cong. . . .	4 50
Rochester, F. Starr, (for Burmah), . .	5 00
Rye, Rev. D. Remington, . . .	1 00
Union, Broome Co., Congregational Soc. (For Dis.) . . .	9 50
N. JERSEY.—Baskingridge, individuals, Hillsboro, Somerset Co., Catalina Van Harlingen, a Legacy, . . .	100 00
Orange, 2d Presb. Cong., a Collection, Princeton College, a friend, . . .	25 75
Providence, Essex Co., individuals, . .	1 00
Rockaway, sundry individuals, . . .	3 25
Springfield, individuals, . . .	10 00
PENN.—Philadelphia, Rev. Wm. Bacon, §8; J. W. P., 12 c. l. . . .	22 00
VIR.—A friend, . . .	3 12
Amelia Co., H. Anderson, . . .	3 50
Do. avails of jewelry, . . .	2 00
Prince Edward Co., Miss Dolly Craddock, . . .	3 00
Do. from little children, . . .	50
GEO.—Midway, (Riceboro P. O.) Ch. and Cong. (Riceboro P. O.) Ch. . . .	66 00
ALA.—Huntsville, Miss Mary Ringo, (For Dis.) . . .	1 00
TENN.—Columbia, George M. Martin, Esq. . . .	2 00
Memphis, Shelby Co., individuals, . .	5 00
Nashville, a friend, (For Dis.) . . .	1 00
IND.—Leander Cobb, (For Dis.) . . .	1 00
Mrs. Saylor, (For Dis.) 25 c.; J. Seepie, (For Dis.) 25 c. . . .	50
Perryville, Dr. Asa R. Palmer, . . .	10 00
ILL.—Sundry individuals, by Robert Stewart, Agent, (For Dis.) . . .	3 50

The above list contains donations—  
For the Valley of the Mississippi, . . . \$11 00  
For Foreign Distribution, (including  
§14 for Burmah, §33 for China,  
§175 for Eastern Asia,) . . . 88 82

Whole amount of Donations, . . . 1,867 82  
Received for Tracts sold, . . . 1,892 44  
Total, . . . 3,760 26

9

# THE AMERICAN Tract Magazine.

---

**VOL. VIII.**

**AUGUST, 1833.**

**NO. 8.**

---



See Tract No. 282. The Miller's Son.

## FOREIGN APPROPRIATIONS.

It is hoped that all friends of the Tract cause will bear in mind the effort now making by the Committee to raise and transmit \$20,000 for Tract operations in foreign and pagan lands during the Society's current year. See Tract Magazine for July. It can only be effected by the divine blessing on vigorous efforts and liberal contributions.

---

## \$ 1,000 FROM BALTIMORE.

The Baltimore Branch have recently remitted \$1,000 to aid in this great work.

**Vol. VIII.**

8

Whole No. 89.

## CHINESE SLEEVE GEM.

Letters have been received from Rev. Elijah C. Bridgman, Canton, accompanied by 20 copies of "*A Sacred Sleeve Gem*," in Chinese, published at the expense of the American Tract Society. It is very neatly printed, about the 18mo. size, adapted to be carried in the fold of the sleeve. It comprises 53 leaves, printed in the Chinese manner, only on one side of the paper, and consists of extracts from Scripture.—On lying, pride, drunkenness, &c. &c. The Chinese blocks from which it is printed will answer to strike off 20,000 or 30,000 copies. Mr. Bridgman has at his command a Lithographic Press, which he is beginning to use. A new Press was also carried out by Rev. Mr. Tracy, who sailed from New-York in the ship *Morrison*, June 15, as a Missionary to China, and was accompanied by Mr. Williams as a Printer. We trust the Tract operations in China will speedily receive a new and vigorous impulse.

## BOMBAY.

A letter from Rev. Mr. Stone, of this Mission, dated December 7, says: "Since your last appropriation was made, we have printed—

	Copies.	Pages.	Expense.
Summary of Christian doctrine and history,	3,000	24	\$ 80
Prayers and hymns in Mahratta,	3,000	52	145
On the true worship of God,	3,000	28	100
Scripture history, chiefly extracted from the Bible,	2,500	66	225
Total expense,			\$ 550

"A translation of *Little Henry and his Bearer*, &c. (Tract 107) is made, and will soon be printed; and several others of this Society's Tracts are in a course of translation into Mahratta, which are greatly needed, and promise to be very useful to the natives. "We shall soon," he adds, "have enough prepared, God willing, to require an annual appropriation of more than \$ 1,000.

"It is also proposed to print in English some of the Society's best Tracts on Temperance, for circulation among the soldiers and others, occasionally, for the higher classes of natives who read English."

## SYRIA.

A full communication from Rev. George B. Whiting, Missionary at Bey Root, dated January 22, shows that the attention of the Mission at that station is drawn to the preparation of Tracts, especially in *Arabic*, in which language some have already been published at Mal-

2a. Rev. Mr. Bird had been preparing a work on Roman Catholicism, in reply to the "Answer to Mr. King's farewell letter," by the Bishop of Bey Root; Mr. Whiting had translated the Tract, *Do you want a Friend?* the conversion of Abdallah and Sabat, a catechism on the commandments, &c. and Mr. Nicholayson was translating *Leslie's Short Method*.

In respect to the efforts recently commenced by this Society in behalf of foreign and pagan lands, Mr. Whiting says:

We rejoice in it, not only for the direct bearing it has upon the conversion of the world, and its influence in calling into action the energies of the churches, but also for its tendency to *rouse Missionaries to their duties*. We need something to quicken us; and I hope this call of the churches upon us, through your excellent Society, will do us good. I believe it will do good to all our Missionary brethren to whom it shall come.

You will perceive that the subject of preparing *original Tracts*, adapted to the precise state of the people, had not escaped our attention. On this subject our views accord most fully with those expressed in your letter. I have felt the importance of it more than ever, since I undertook the translation of some of your Society's Tracts into Arabic. Excellent as those Tracts are, and well suited to the state of society which they were designed to meet, they are not, I apprehend, for the most part adapted to the existing state of the people in these countries. The subject is now again and still more strongly impressed upon my mind by your letter. The fact that the friends of Christ in America are calling on us as their only medium of communication with the people among whom we live, and that they stand ready to help us *to any extent* in preaching the Gospel to this people through the Press, is surely a most important and rousing fact. I trust it will exert its proper influence upon us. I trust it will with God's blessing, stimulate us "*to do what we can to give you access*" to your fellow-men in these regions.

Mr. Whiting, after speaking of the obstacles to extensive Tract circulation from the general apathy of the people, and the opposition of Catholics, Musselmans, Jews, and Druses, says, that nevertheless "*something can be done now*. There are *some* who will and do receive our books, and who would receive and read *every Tract we could furnish*." But were there none now ready to receive Tracts, he justly adds, they would feel it to be their duty to go on with the preparation—trusting that God in due time will open the way for their extensive diffusion.

#### *Importance of Arabic Tracts.*

"The population of Syria and Palestine is estimated at from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000; and *the Arabic* is the vernacular language of probably nine-tenths of the inhabitants, and the remainder generally understand and speak it. Being the language of the Koran, it is *read* wherever the Mohammedan religion is diffused. Here is *Egypt*, with a



population vastly more numerous than that of Palestine and Syria, speaking the same language. This is the language of *Arabia* also, into which country a Missionary stationed at Damascus might have opportunities of sending these winged heralds of salvation. In Egypt especially, the civil government is favorable to the diffusion of all kinds of knowledge, and would interpose no obstacles to the dissemination of religious Tracts, or the establishment of Christian schools to any extent. These are facts which render the preparation of Arabic Tracts an object of great importance.

*What portion of the people read ?*

In all Syria and Palestine the female part of the population, with only here and there an exception, are unable to read. Of the adult males, (I speak now of the Christians, the most numerous class of people in this part of the country,) perhaps one-sixth can read. In the Greek Church, a numerous body of Christians, and by far the most ready to receive our books, perhaps one in four of the men can read. The proportion of readers among the Mahommedans is probably less than among the Christians. The Jews generally read the Hebrew language, but not the Arabic, though they almost all speak the latter. A considerable number of the Druses can read—a larger proportion of their women are readers than of the females of any other class.

*Lithographic Presses.*

You will be interested in learning that we have received, as a donation from our friend and fellow Missionary, Mr. Parnell, of Bagdad, a Lithographic Press, which we hope to be able ere long to make use of in printing small Tracts and cards. Another similar press has been ordered from England, by a generous friend of Missions, now in this country, to be employed at Damascus or elsewhere, in the propagation of Christianity among the Mahommedans. Thus far, owing to the preference always given in this country to manuscript writings, and prejudice against what is printed, we have employed copyists to multiply Tracts in manuscript. We hope that in this way an interest may be excited and a demand for Tracts created.

---

**CHEERING FROM FRANCE.**

*From Mr. Henry Lutteroth, Secretary of the Paris Tract Society,  
dated May 18, 1833.*

DEAR BROTHER,—I cannot tell you the joy our Committee felt on the reception of your favor, announcing the generous donation of your Society and that of Boston to enable us to distribute in France not only Tracts but the excellent work of Baxter, (*The Saints' Rest*,) which has been published in French by the attention of Mr. Mark Wilkes. The \$ 1,500 which you sent will contribute most happily to the advancement of the kingdom of God in this country, where efforts to spread the good news of salvation are becoming every day more united and energetic.

I can assure you that the friends of the Tract cause are increasing

among us, and that their zeal is not confined to *distributing* Tracts freely, but that they accompany them with their own personal efforts, and with the expectation of some visible fruits of their labors. Our report, the printing of which has been a little delayed by the increase of our business, and which I shall take care to send you when it is published, contains facts which prove abundantly that the good seed has not been sown in vain. For two years we have been successfully engaged in the business of vending, (colportage,) and this has become with many of our brethren a favorite work. It consists in sending into the departments, and especially into those which present few other means of religious instruction, colporteurs (*hawkers*) chosen from among Christians full of zeal, and who are able, by their condition in life, to gain ready access to the mass of the people. These men are alternately merchants and evangelists, or rather both at once. They have no other goods than the Bible, the New Testament, Tracts, and the almanac of good advice, a little work resembling your "Christian Almanac." The offering of these books for sale is a natural introduction to religious conversation, and they do not fail to improve the opportunity thus afforded, and mark the persons upon whom they have been able to make some good impression, that they may visit them again when they pass through the place. On their second visit they inquire into the effects produced by the books which they had before sold, explain what has not been understood, address themselves to the consciences of their customers, and often even pray with them. You will easily see, my dear sir, what aid is rendered to the Tract cause by the "colportage" system: it increases its utility a hundred fold.

We continue the publication of our own Tracts, and have recently borrowed one of yours, "*The Mountain Miller*," with some retrenchment occasioned by the difference in the circumstances of the two countries. We wish we could borrow as easily of your countrymen their zeal and fidelity, but this is a gift of God, which we beg you to ask him for us!

Pardon me for the long delay of this answer, which gratitude would have made more prompt, if an increase of business and a severe and long indisposition had not prevented. I hope to write again *soon*, and to give you then more details.

Receive the respectful assurance of my fraternal attachment.

HENRY LUTTEROTH.

#### CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

*\*Extract from the Minutes of the General Assembly at Nashville, May, 1833.*

*Resolved*, That the Assembly have heard with interest the statements made by Rev. Mr. Eastman, Secretary of the American Tract Society, respecting the organization, principles and operations of the institution, and that we regard their publications as well adapted for general circulation.

*Resolved*, That the moral and spiritual wants of our country call for the improvement of all the facilities which God has put into our hands for the dissemination of religious truth; and believing that the Tracts of the American Tract Society contain those truths which are suited to make men wise unto salvation, and that they have been often attended with the blessing of God, and been made instrumental in the conversion of souls, we do most cordially recommend that institution to the patronage of the churches within our bounds.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this house be presented to Rev. Mr. Eastman for a donation of a number of Tracts to the Assembly for distribution; and likewise, that the members communicate any important results growing out of the Tract operations.

### LETTER FROM THE VISITING SECRETARY.

*New-York, July, 1833.*

MY DEAR BROTHER HALLOCK,

During my absence of seven months I have traveled more than 6000 miles. I commenced my labors in Charleston, S. C. and have since visited most of the principal cities and towns in Georgia and the south-western and western states. The Tract cause, when fully presented, has met the approbation of the friends of religion generally, and in most cases has been cordially embraced and patronized. The little time allowed me in each state rendered it impracticable for me to do much for the interior, but I have learned enough of the wants of the people to produce on my own mind a very strong conviction that the work before us is *great*, and is but just commenced. Though many Christians have enlisted in the Tract cause, and, through their instrumentality, Tracts have been sent to every state, and much good has been accomplished, still the great mass of the people remain unsupplied, and the great body of Christians are but partially alive to the spiritual interests of those among whom they dwell. The Tract cause is not duly appreciated; the power of the press is not understood, and the facilities which the Tract system affords for inculcating divine truth upon the mind, not only through the press, but by personal Christian effort, are but partially known. To bring the whole subject in all its bearings before the churches, is of vast importance to the accomplishment of the great designs of the Institution.

In most of the commercial cities I have visited are Depositories having considerable supplies of Tracts, and all except two are now free from debt to the Parent Society. But their usefulness depends upon the activity of auxiliaries and Christians in the adjacent country; and there are at present no Agents of the Parent Society laboring in the vicinity of any depository I have visited, in all the states south of the river Ohio.

To make a full presentation of the subject in those states, a number of *first-rate men* are now exceedingly needed. There is an ample field for at least one permanent Agent in South-Carolina; two in Georgia; two in Alabama; one in Louisiana; one in Mississippi; two in Tennessee, and two in Kentucky, in addition to those now laboring in the two states last mentioned. It is of great moment that these

fields be immediately occupied. The other states at the West have as many Agents now in commission as the Society can expect soon to employ.

To sustain all these Agents must necessarily be attended, for the present at least, with *much expense* to the Parent Society; for though we may hope for some donations from these fields if the subject is properly presented, yet, as a general thing, the money that can be raised will probably not be more than sufficient to pay for the Tracts circulated. But I see no other means by which the energies of the churches can be called forth. Men must go out who are willing to become the special and permanent advocates of this cause. They must traverse the fields committed to them in every part, and present the subject in all its bearings upon the moral, literary, and religious interests of the community. They must explain the principles of the Society, its operations, the character and variety of its publications, and the facilities which the Tract system affords for *efficient Christian efforts* for the eternal welfare of men. They must go forth with faith and prayer, trusting in God for a blessing upon their labors; devoting their whole strength to the work, with the full purpose of doing all that can be done to bring the entire population under the restraining and purifying influence of the Gospel. In accomplishing their work they can scarcely attach too much importance to the circulation of the Society's excellent *occasional volumes*, as the *Saints' Rest*, *Pilgrim's Progress*, &c. which, as their history abundantly shows, are admirably adapted to guide souls to heaven.

Let the Tract system in all its bearings be brought fully before the followers of Christ, let them feel their obligations to improve the opportunities it affords for benefiting their fellow-men, and bring their united energies to the work in the strength of God, and their efforts will doubtless occasion joy to multitudes throughout eternity.

Your affectionate brother

And fellow-laborer,

O. EASTMAN.

---

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF CLERGYMEN.

An intelligent friend suggests the following as a means of making valuable accession to the publications of the American Tract Society.

"The American churches have been blessed, from the earliest settlement of the country, with a succession of faithful Gospel Ministers; many of whom have left behind an example of Christian and pastoral zeal and prudence well worthy of extensive imitation. Few of their lives, however, have been written; though abundant materials, in many instances, are extant. Their history ought to be imparted to the world, that they being dead may still speak to the living

generation. Much good might thus be effected. We who are now on the stage, as well as those who shall come after us, may be quickened in duty by the perusal of such biographical sketches."

Clergymen and others, who have the materials for such sketches, which they can embody in an interesting form, will do an important service by preparing and transmitting them to the Secretary of the American Tract Society.

---

#### NEW TRACTS.

No. 280. **DON'T UNCHAIN THE TIGER.**—pp. 4. This Tract is founded on the advice given by Dr. Franklin to Thomas Paine, when consulted in regard to publishing his infidel treatise, entitled "The Age of Reason." "*I advise you,*" said Franklin, "*not to attempt UNCHAINING THE TIGER, but to BURN this piece before it is seen by any other person.*" "*If men are so wicked with religion, what would they be without it?*" The Tract illustrates very forcibly, though in few words, the demoralizing tendency of infidel sentiments; and demonstrated that the man who propagates them, knowing their effects, is *no patriot—no friend to society.* Written by Rev. William Wisner, Rochester, New-York.

No. 282. **DAVID BALDWIN, OR THE MILLER'S SON.**—pp. 16. This narrative exhibits the case of an infidel of vigorous and well cultivated mind confessing at last "*that philosophy affords no support for the dying man,*" and exhorting his infidel friends in regard to their hope, "*Give it up—if you would escape the anguish I have endured, give it up.*" The Tract illustrates, moreover, the rich grace of God in speaking peace, through the Gospel, to an agonized conscience, and inspiring hope and triumph in death. Written by Rev. Mr. Crookshank, of Long-Island.

No. 284. **LYDIA STURTEVANT, or The fatal Resolution.** This Tract exhibits in vivid colors the case of an amiable lady, who, when under conviction, instead of immediately *repenting*, simply *resolved* that she *would* repent in the course of *that day*; and thus quieted conscience, and apparently grieved away for ever the Holy Spirit—leaving her no consolation in death, (which occurred suddenly some months after,) but the agonizing remembrance of "*THAT FATAL RESOLUTION.*"—Written by Rev. E. Phelps, Geneva, New-York.

---

#### FLAVEL ON KEEPING THE HEART.

An individual has contributed \$75 for perpetuating this valuable work, which has been adopted by the publishing committee. The expense of perpetuating it will be \$270. The contribution of sums for perpetuating works like this is a most useful method of advancing the great objects of the Society.

---

#### PREMIUM OFFERED.

A clergyman in South-Carolina has deposited in the hands of the Rev. Edward Palmer, Macphersonville, (Pocotaligo P. O.) S. C., the sum of fifty dollars, as a premium for the best approved Tract, not exceeding 12 or 16 pages in length, which shall be presented on or before January 1, 1834, on "*the high and fearful responsibilities of the minister of the Gospel.*" In an extensive acquaintance, he says, he

observes a marked difference in the spirit and success which attend the labors of different preachers of equal talents and advantages—one being the evident means of “turning many to righteousness”—another laboring for years, and going down to the grave with scarcely one to rise up and call him blessed. He wishes a Tract written that shall press this subject practically home upon ministers and churches. Examining Committee: Rev. William A. M'Dowell, D. D., Rev. Aaron W. Leland, D. D. and Rev. Benjamin Gildersleeve, Charleston. The manuscripts should each be accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the name of the writer, and may be addressed to

D. W. HARRISON, Chalmers-street, Charleston, or  
WILLIAM A. HALLOCK, 150 Nassau-st. New-York.

#### PREMIUM FOR TRACT ON MONTHLY CONCERT.

A Gentleman has deposited in the hands of the subscriber fifty dollars as a premium for a Tract “on the best mode of rendering the monthly concert for prayer most interesting to the churches and conducive to the cause of missions.” Writers are requested to send their Tracts to the Rev. Rufus Anderson, Missionary Rooms, Boston, on or before the first day of January, 1834. The Secretaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, together with President Humphrey of Amherst College, and the subscriber, are appointed by the offerer of the premium judges of the merits of the Tracts; and the author of the Tract which they shall pronounce best will receive the premium.

T. H. SKINNER.

Andover, June 22d, 1833.

☐ For letter from Smyrna—Blessing on Tracts at the West—and groundless objection to premiums—See Cover.

#### AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY, BOSTON.

*Conversion of the Karen now in this country.*

At the anniversary of the American Tract Society, Boston, Rev. Mr. BABCOCK said, I respond to the sentiments already expressed; but hundreds of *Pagans* are crying to us every moment for the leaves of the tree which are for the healing of the nations. Now is the time for Christians to send these messengers to the millions of Asia.

The influence of Tracts is great, sir. A young priest read the Tract called the “Golden Balance.” Every thing in that country is called golden that is valuable. The priest had read in an ancient Brahminical book, that light was to be expected from the West. This Tract was written by the missionaries who came from the West. His faith was shaken. He was converted. This man is now in this country. I have seen him; I have heard him pray in his own language; and though I could understand only two words of what he said, those words melted my heart, “O Jesus! O Jesus!” We must send Tracts to Burmah, sir. *Seven-eighths of the Burmesecan read.*

Rev. Mr. SURROW said, I have labored near *Juggernaut*, which signifies “lord of the world,” and is so considered by the vast majority of the inhabitants of that country. 200,000 often meet together near this idol. I have felt sensations which I cannot describe, as I saw them file off in companies of 50,000, to think how little I could do for them. And I was encouraged only by the fact that I had given them Tracts. I have seen, on a spot no larger than that on which this house stands, 150 dead bodies left to putrify. On these festival occasions to which I refer, we have distributed 20 or 30,000 Tracts.

Look, sir, at that vast country, and behold its destitution! There is but *one* missionary to *one million of souls*! Missionaries cannot at present be furnished for such multitudes. And missionaries soon die, sir. But tracts never die. The cholera touches them not. O, sir, send these messengers to India, and your Society shall be blessed.

## RECEIPTS

## INTO THE TREASURY OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

During the month ending July 15, 1833.

## FROM AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETIES.

	For Tr.	Dues.
VER.—St. Albans, Female, Theodore W. Smith, Depositary,	8 00	
MASS.—Boston, American Tract Society, John Tappan, Esq. Treasurer,	94 82	
Do. Evangelical Tract Society, Asa Wilbur, Agent,	251 33	
Williamstown, (N. Parish,) Seymour Whitman, Treasurer,	14 00	
R. ISLAND.—Providence, Isaac Wilcox, Depositary,	72 00	
CONN.—Darien, Charles Whitney, Treasurer,	1 82	
Greenwich, Esbon Husted, Secretary,	2 78	
New-Haven, J. L. Cross, Agent,	11 00	
North Stamford, Rev. Henry Fuller, Secretary,	98	
Saybrook, 2d Society, Female, Mrs. A. P. Champlin, Secretary,	1 00	
Stratford, Asa Curtis, Treasurer,	73	
NEW-YORK.—Albany, Central Branch, D. M'Kercher, Secretary,	68 66	
Albion, Orleans Co. Rev. Gilbert Crawford, President,	19 11	
Do. do. do. (for dis.)		8 68
Bedford, Female, Mrs. Susan N. Nichols, Sec.	6 00	
Buffalo, Erie Co. J. C. Meeks, Agent,	15 06	
Bullhack, Orange Co. John E. Brewster, Treasurer,	80	
Busti, Chautauque Co. Thomas Dankforth, Secretary,	6 00	
Cambria, Niagara Co. Halsey S. Scoville, Secretary,	7 49	
Canterbury, Peter Roe, Treasurer,	8 88	
Carlton, Orleans Co. Jason Miles, Secretary,	1 47	
Carmel, Putnam Co. Morgan Raymond, Treasurer,	4 72	
Cavendish, Ebenezer Chapin, Secretary,	6 00	
Charlotte, Gerry P. O. Chautauque Co. W. J. Hedges, Secretary,	4 75	
Chautauque, (Mayville P. O.) Chautauque Co. Elias Jones, Secretary,	17 67	
Colden, Erie Co. M. Leonard, Secretary,	6 88	
Collins, Erie Co. E. Smith, Agent,	17 25	
Cortlandt, West Chester Co. Jacob P. Lent, Treasurer,	2 80	
Dashville falls, Female, Mrs. Jane Ann Butler, Secretary,	1 67	
Dunkirk, Seth Starr, Secretary,	5 80	
Eden, Erie Co. J. H. Beardsley, Secretary,	14 20	
Ellery, Chautauque Co. Caleb Van Ness, Secretary,	8 85	
Ellicottville, Cattaraugus Co. Israel Day, Secretary,	8 80	
Ellington, William Ware, Secretary,	10 00	
Evans, Erie Co. David Barrel, Secretary,	6 25	
Falleburgh, Sullivan Co. Wm. C. Labagh, Treasurer,	4 25	
Flatlands, Mrs. L. A. Van Noyce, Treasurer,	80	
Florida, Orange Co. Dr. H. K. Chapman, Secretary,	4 44	
Fredonia, Chautauque Co. Henry Basworth, Secretary,	15 50	
Gaines, Orleans Co. L. G. Merrill, Secretary,	12 43	
Do. do. do. (for dis.)		75
Gravesend, Female, Mrs. Stryker, Treasurer,	1 82	
Hamburg, Erie Co. Samuel Cotton, Secretary,	12 17	
Hariacm, Female, Miss Laetitia Doughty, Treasurer,	1 82	
Hartland, Niagara Co.	4 42	
Jamaica, James Rider, Treasurer,	4 27	
Kent, Putnam Co. John Baily, Treasurer,	1 49	
Knowlesville, Orleans Co. Dr. J. Graves, Secretary,	2 75	
Do. do. do. (for dis.)		8 00
Lewiston, Niagara Co. Obed Smith, President,	2 80	
Lockport, W. L. Parsons, Secretary,	7 80	
Do. Upper Town, Seth Parsons, President,	11 83	
Do. Lower Town, Mr. Puck, Superintendent,	4 89	
Lodi, Erie Co. R. C. Leland, Secretary,	9 88	
Marlborough, Ulster Co. Dr. Dougherty, Treasurer,	6 00	
Medina, Orleans Co. William Wiswall, Secretary,	14 11	
Monroe, Orange Co. George M. Newman, Treasurer,	8 18	
Montgomery, Orange Co. Ref. Dutch Church, Rev. Robert P. Lee, Sec.	9 00	
Mount Pleasant, Sing Sing, Alexander Watson, Secretary,	1 80	
Napoli, Cattaraugus Co.	4 00	
New-Fane, Niagara Co. Judge Van Horn, Superintendent,	1 25	
New Rochelle, Female, E. W. Stebbins, Treasurer,	50	
Do. do. do. (for China,)		5 68
New Windsor, Rev. James Thomas, Secretary,	2 78	
New-York City, Alfred Edwards, Treasurer,	97 00	
Do. by the Female Branch, Mrs. E. B. Iethbridge, Treasurer,	1 00	
Do. St. George's Church Female, Miss Ann Dominick, Treasurer,		37 40
Niagara Falls, Niagara Co. C. H. Smith, Secretary,	9 91	
Orwego, J. Cooley & Co. Agents,	15 00	
Panama, Chautauque Co. Enoch Morgan, Secretary,	8 00	
Patterson, Putnam Co. E. Hays, Secretary,	2 80	
Pendleton, Deacon Thompson, Superintendent,	2 81	

	For Tr.	Dono.
Peru, Mrs. Celia S. Hopper, Treasurer,	1 50	
Portland, Chautauque Co. Clark Gould, Secretary,	5 89	3 94
Poundridge, West Chester Co. Wm. L. Smith, Treasurer,	65	
Red Mills, Putnam Co. John Batteau, Treasurer,	1 06	
Ripley, Chautauque Co. William Bell, Secretary,	3 09	
Rochester, Monroe Co. Levi A. Ward, Treasurer,	100 09	
Royalton (Gasport P. O.) Chester Bennet, Superintendent,	75	
Do. Niagara Co. (for dis.)		1 26
Uedge, Chautauque Co. B. C. Willoughby, Secretary,	5 00	
Saunders Settlement, Niagara Co. Mr. Hawley, Superintendent,	2 37	
Shelby, (Millville P. O.) Orleans Co. Rev. Ebenezer Raymond, Superintendent,	8 55	
Sheridan, Chautauque Co. Lucy M. Bennet, Secretary,	7 97	
Sherman, Chautauque Co. J. R. Keeler, Secretary,	8 87	
Silver Creek, Chautauque Co. J. Howland, Secretary,	8 19	
Springville, Erie Co. R. C. Eaton, Secretary,	7 72	
Tompkinsville, Stat. Isl. Female, Mrs. Miller, Treasurer,	1 37	
Troy, Charles Lyman, Treasurer,	27 00	
Upper Greenburgh, Mrs. Sarah Ann Martine, Secretary,	2 06	
Villanovis, (Nashville P. O.) Chautauque Co. Stephen Parsons, Secretary,	3 38	
Wales, Erie Co. Isaac Home, Secretary,	7 28	
Waterboro, Chautauque Co. Deacon Samuel Foot, Superintendent,	5 00	
Westfield, Chautauque Co. Erastus Dean, Secretary,	12 00	
Williamsburg, Mr. Mezerole, Treasurer,	8 92	
Wilson, Niagara Co. Silas Parsons, Jun. Secretary,	10 06	
Yorktown, Westchester Co.	88	
Yates, Orleans Co. Elder George B. Davis, President,	7 12	
Youngstown, A. G. Hinman, President,	8 02	
NEW JERSEY.—Bloomfield, Juvenile, Z. B. Dodd, Treasurer,	18 00	40 00
Chester, Morris Co. A. Williamson,	1 08	
Hardistown, North Presbyterian Church, Female,	64	
Morristown, J. L. Allen, Treasurer,	4 06	
Newark, Jesse Baldwin, Jun. Treasurer,	8 68	
New Vernon, U. Maynard, Agent,	1 48	
Oxford, Female, Mrs. S. Sherrerd, Treasurer,	6 00	
Shrewsbury, Female, Miss Ann Little,	1 60	
Somerville, Female, Mrs. Ann M. Griffith, Treasurer,	8 50	
PENNSYLVANIA.—Athena, Female, Mrs. Julia A. Perkins, Treasurer.	10 00	
Meadville,	5 02	
Montrose, Jerre Lyons, Treasurer,	10 00	
MARYLAND.—Baltimore, C. A. Hall, Esq. Treasurer,	158 50	
Do. do. (for dis.)		1000 00
VIRGINIA.—Richmond, Thomas Talley, Treasurer,	21 16	
SOUTH-CAROLINA.—Charleston, Branch, D. W. Harrison,	5 83	
FLORIDA.—St. Augustine, Female, Mrs. Anderson, Treasurer,	11 40	
OHIO.—Bloomington, (Fayette Co. Aux.) H. C. Stewart, Secretary,	21 00	
Cincinnati, Henry B. Funk, Treasurer,	90 75	
Columbus, Branch, R. W. McCoy, Esq. Treasurer,	110 00	
Granville, (Licking Co. Aux.) Rev. Jacob Little, President,	24 00	
Tiffin, (Seneca Co. Auxiliary),	22 94	5 00
INDIANA.—Charleston, Female, Mrs. Julia Ann Cobb, Secretary, (for China.)		7 50
MISSOURI.—St. Louis, Woodbridge S. Olmsted, Treasurer,	201 48	

## SOCIETIES NOT AUXILIARY.

CONN.—Lyme, Female Tract Society, Miss Elizabeth A. Hart, Treasurer,		7 00
Salmon Brook, in Granby, Female Tract Society,	8 82	4 41
NEW-YORK.—Moorea, Clinton Co. Tract Society,		5 00
New Utrecht, L. I. Fem. Bib. Miss. and Tract Soc. Mrs. C. Knapp, Tr.	2 14	
Paris, Oneida Co. Female Cent Society, (for Burmah),		22 50
Sheridan, Chautauque Co. Female Tract Society,		6 18
MARYLAND.—Snow Hill, Tract Society,	1 00	
INDIANA.—Salem, Female Tract Society, (for Burmah.)		4 00
Tracts sold at the Depository to individuals, including \$197 from traveling Agents,	1,157 09	

## Directors for Life.

N. YORK.—Buffalo, Mrs. Charlotte Eaton, by the Presb. Church,	50 00
New York City, Drake Mills, (for dis.)	160 00
Schenectady, Eliza Taylor, for perpetuating "Flavel on Keeping the Heart,"	75 00
DIS. COL.—Alexandria, Rev. S. Cornelius, by his church and congregation, (for Burmah),	50 00
Do. Robert Jamelson, (for dis.),	50 00
VIR.—Nettawoy Co. Rev. Theodorick Fryor, by ladies of his ch. and cong. (in part of \$50.)	30 00

## Members for Life.

CONN.—Coventry, Mrs. Betsey S. Calhoun, by Juv. Tr. Society, (in part of \$20.)	6 00
Farmington, Levi Gridley, by his father, Mark Gridley,	20 00
Newington Society, in Weatherfield, Mrs. Electa Whittlesey,	20 00
Sterling, Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, by her daughter in Fredericksburgh, Virginia, (for dis.)	20 00
West Hartford, Benjamin Belden,	20 00
Do. Mrs. Mary Scarborough,	20 00
Do. Joseph E. Coss,	20 00



Wintonbury, in Windsor, Mrs. Eunice, Nash, by Society of Rev. A. Nash.	
N. YORK.—Buffalo, Rev. Job. Henry Martin, by his church and cong.	
Do E. Sterling Ely, (for S. Eastern Asia.)	
Do. Miss Mary Eaton, by Pres. Ch. Cayuga Creek, Rev. James Remington, by his church and cong.	
Dunkirk, Rev. Timothy Stillman, by his church and congregation.	
Geneva, Hiram H. Seelye, (for dia.)	
Napoli, Cattaraugus Co. Rev. Sylvester Cowles, by his ch. and cong.	
New-York City, William Johnson, West Aurora, Erie Co. Rev. Justin Marsh, by his church and cong.	
Yorktown, Capt. Obadiah Purdy, N. JER.—Cold Spring, Cape May, Rev. Moses Williamson, by ladies, PENN.—Philadelphia, Charles Bird, D. COL.—Georgetown, Rev. John C. Smith, by his ch. and con. (for dia.)	
Do. Rev. Mr. Brooks, by a member of his cong. (for dia.)	
Do. Col. Edwards, (for dia.)	
Washington City, Joseph Lowell, Esq. (for dia.)	
Do. Rev. R. Post, by his church and cong. (for dia.)	
Do. Rev. James Laurie, D. D. by members of his church,	
VIRGINIA.—Notoway Court House, Dr. James Jones,	
CEYLON.—Mrs. Elizabeth L. Hutchings, by a friend, ...leaveland, Ohio,	

## Annual Member.

NEW-YORK.—New-York city, James Davidson,	
--	--

## Other Donations.

VER.—Berkshire, Mrs. Electa Hull, avails of gold beads, \$2 75, Mrs. Percie Follett, avails of Jewelry, 25c.	
East Berkshire, Association,	
CONN.—Newington Society, in Wethersfield,	
Salmon Brook, in Granby, church and congregation,	
Turkey Hills Society, in Granby,	
West Hartford, church and cong.	
Windsor, Society of Rev. Henry A. Rowland,	
Wintonbury, in Windsor, Society of Rev. Ansel Nash,	
N. YORK.—Alden, Erie Co. Presb. ch. Do. do. individuals, (for Burma.)	
Do. do. (for China.)	
Almond, Stephen Major,	
Auburn, Rev. James H. Rice,	
Chittenango, Ref. Dutch ch. and con.	
Collins, Erie Co. Presb. church,	
East Aurora, Erie Co. Baptist and Presbyterian churches,	
Do do. (for Burma.)	
Evans, do. Presb. church,	
Gardner's Island, Suffolk Co. L. I. Mrs. Sarah Gardiner,	
Harlem, Sunday School Teachers' Monthly Collection,	
Holland, Erie Co. Sabbath School, (for Burma.)	
Jamestown, Presbyterian cong.	
La Fayette, Oneondaga Co. Presbyterian Society,	
Lackport, 1st Presb. ch. (for dia.)	
Do. 2d do. (for dia.)	

Medina, Orleans Co. Presb. Society, (for dia.)	
Napoli, Cattaraugus Co. individuals, (for dia.)	
New-York city, George Lake, a Legacy, by Wm. Johnson, (for Executor, Do. Mrs. Col. Richard Varick, (for dia.)	
Do. Cash,	
Paris, Oneida Co. Monthly Concert, (for Burma.)	
Tuscarora Mission, Indiana, (for dia.)	
Vernon Centre, Oneida Co. Pres. Soc.	
West Aurora, Erie Co. individuals, (for China.)	
Windsfield, Herkimer Co. Congregational Society,	
York Mills, Oneida Co. Presb. Soc.	
N. JERSEY.—Mandham, cash,	
PENN.—Gibson, Susquehanna Co. Ferdinand Tiffany,	
Philadelphia, D. Lapeay, \$1; J. Dutton, \$2; J. Dutton, Jun. \$5; Rev. R. H. Smith and Wife, \$1; cash, \$1,	
DIS. COL.—Alexandria, sundry individuals, (for dia.)	
Georgetown, cash, (for dia.)	
Washington city, Rev. Dr. Laurie's church, collection, (for dia.)	
Do. Rev. Mr. Post's ch. (for dia.)	
VIR.—Fredericksburgh, cash, (for dia.)	
Do. Rev. S. B. Wilson, (for dia.)	
Do. Miss Catharine Lomax, (for distribution.)	
Do. Mrs. Mier, (for dia.)	
Do. Mr. Henderson, (for dia.)	
Powhattan Co. William H. Cock, \$1; J. H. Mathews, 25c.; T. C. Miller, \$1; J. H. Saunders, 50c.; Mrs. J. Smith, \$4; E. Cunningham, 50c.; R. Taylor, 50c.; Mrs. E. Eguston, 25c.; Mrs. T. Miller, \$1; J. G. Daniel, \$1; J. B. Finaley, \$1; G. Finaley, \$1; E. Finaley, 50c.; Wm. Fale, 25c.; W. Mathews, 25c.; Mrs. Hitchman, \$1,	
KEN.—Lexington, sundry benevolent individuals, per Wm. A. Leary, (for dia.)	
OHIO.—Lyne, sundry benevolent individuals, (for dia.)	
St. Clairsville, Belmont Co. Col. Geo. Paull, Legacy, by Thomas Paull, Esq. Executor, (for dia. in Ohio.)	
Do. do. Sarah W. Templeton, (for dia.)	
IND.—Madison, J. Sullivan, Esq. (for China.)	
Do. Mrs. Dukason, (for do.)	
New Albany, Dr. Shields, \$2; Alexander Bushnell, \$1; J. Bushnell, \$1; Mrs. Benton, \$1; E. Ayres, \$1; H. B. Shields, 50c.; T. Dufferth, 50c.; H. Scribner, 50c.; W. Plummer, 25c.; Mrs. Conner, 50c.; cash, 25c.; Mr. Gubaney, 12 1/2c.; (all for China.)	
CANADA.—A friend, by G. M. Tracy,	
The above list contains donations—For the Valley of the Mississippi,	
For Foreign Distribution, (including \$25 75 for Burma, \$23 31 for China; \$20 for South Eastern Asia.)	
Whole amount of Donations,	
Received for Tracts sold,	
Received for use of room,	
Total,	

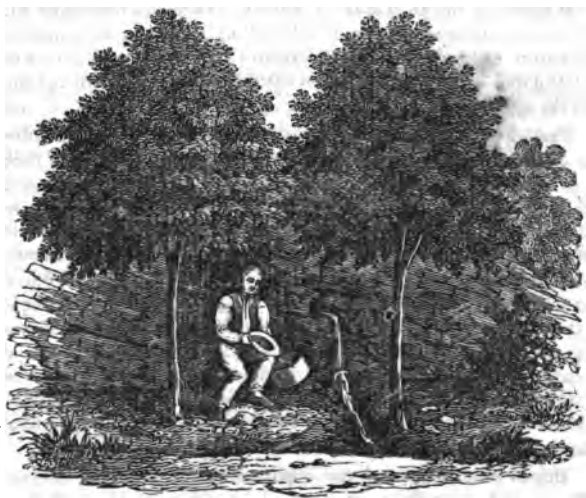
# THE AMERICAN Tract Magazine.

---

VOL. VIII.    SEPTEMBER, 1833.

---

NO. 9.



See Tract No. 254, Mountain Miller. Revised edition.

## THE PREPARATION OF NEW TRACTS.

An intelligent gentleman, now in Europe, who takes a deep interest in all the benevolent movements of the age, has communicated the following thoughts on the preparation of new Tracts.

The world, he says, and especially the religious community, during the last ten years, have made a rapid advance ; times have changed—energy, activity, and spirit are the order of the day. The American Tract Society ought doubtless to partake largely of this spirit of our

Vol. VIII.

9

Whole No. 90.

day, not only in the enterprise with which it spreads abroad its operations over the land and world, but in the *character of its publications*. "The preacher sought to find out *acceptable words*," and there should be an adaptation of the thoughts and of the diction of a popular Tract to the state of the public mind. The Tracts should also contain that point and unction which will render them the most efficient instruments in winning the impenitent to God, and guiding the churches to the highest standard of devoted piety.

It has been suggested from sources worthy of high consideration, that the style of many Tracts, ably written, is too studied and elaborate; that they are wanting in that plainness and simplicity which is best suited to the great mass of readers. There are thousands who dwell with intense interest and with melting hearts over the simplicity of nature which marks the "Dairyman's Daughter," who grow weary and dull over the pages of an abstract essay, even if written with all the ability of Burke.

Pastors have expressed their wishes for a series of Tracts, written in an easy and familiar manner, suited to the *varied states of the flock*; such that they could make them their constant companion in parochial visits, in the lecture, and in the inquiry room. They wish to see Tracts suited to the different classes in society, and to the different states of mind in which individuals may be found. And this especially in reference to all the stages of moral feeling, from the *earliest religious interest* to that of the deepest anxiety. 'The hesitating'—'the reflecting'—'the returning prodigal;' 'the timid, doubting, ill-instructed believer,' they would wish to provide with an appropriate Tract. They would wish to have with them "A Peal of Sinai," "The Pointed Arrow" 'dipped in blood,' and the "Balm of Gilead." They would like a dozen which they might take into the inquiry room, and distribute according to the varied feelings of the anxious or rejoicing.

Others have suggested the importance of a series of *Doctrinal Tracts*, embracing those fundamental doctrines of grace which are equally dear to all evangelical Christians. If we run over the list of Tracts, the number is comparatively small, that can be regarded as doctrinal Tracts of really standard character. And it is asked from what source could there so appropriately emanate a series on those christian doctrines, which would be a chain binding in one common bond all the evangelical denominations of our country? This subject has for a long time weighed upon the hearts of some of the fathers of our churches. If it is true that the differences between the several denominations, on the vital and essential points of true religion, are such as more intimate acquaintance would either do away or

reconcile, why might not this Society exert the happy instrumentality of doing it? Suppose some of the ablest and holiest of the workmen in the American churches should unite in erecting the main pillars in our spiritual temple, all denominations might love to cling around them, while each would add their own apartments according to their several tastes and style of architecture. Thus might an invaluable service be done to our American Zion.

### LONDON RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.

Thirty-fourth anniversary, May 6, the Marquis of Cholmondeley presiding.

Rev. Mr. Jones, Secretary, stated that the Society's operations had increased during the year, in all their branches. He alluded to the efforts of Leang Afa, whose Tracts had been actively distributed in the heart of China; communications from Dr. Mill; and to the tours of Mr. Gutzlaff, who, after his second tour, declared that the bugbear of the impossibility of doing any thing for China had no longer any existence. He was about to make a third attempt to enter China, and proposed to take with him 100,000 Tracts, believing they would not be too many. Encouraging facts also were stated from Burmah; from India, where Tracts had been blessed not only in the conversion of heathens but of Roman Catholics; from Columbo; Armenia and Georgia; New South Wales; Cape Town and other settlements in Africa; the Sandwich Islands, Russia, &c. &c.

#### *A Tract in Madagascar.*

A little girl, who had been obliged to leave school by order of the Queen, carried home a Tract and read it to her father. That very night he went out, dug a hole in his garden and buried all his household idols; and accounts from the family state that not a day passed without their reading the Scriptures and uniting in prayer.

#### *Consequence of burning Tracts and Testaments.*

In Switzerland and many parts of Germany the desire to read Tracts, even among Roman Catholics, was such that in a district in Bavaria an order was published by the priests that the Tracts and Testaments distributed should be collected and burnt. This was done; and in consequence the demand became so general in Bavaria, that it became necessary to order a new supply of 12,000 Tracts where 1,200 had been destroyed.

#### *The Messenger for procuring Novels.*

Rev. W. Edelman said that a pious servant, being occasionally sent by a gentleman's family to a neighboring town to procure novels, adopted the innocent stratagem of inserting small Tracts between the leaves. They were read—and in a short time the novel gave way to the Bible.

*Issues—Receipts.*

The number of books and Tracts distributed by the Society during the year is 12,594,241, embracing 1,300,000 tracts for the use of children, and about 1,000 biographical Tracts, beside which 427,000 copies of the "Weekly Visitor" had been disposed of since January last. Receipts £40,000, (\$ 177,000.) The Society has now distributed 170,000,000 publications in 70 different languages, and in almost every nation on the face of the earth.

## PARIS TRACT SOCIETY.

Anniversary, April 16. The hall was full, and about 30 clergymen met around the table of the president, the learned and pious Stapfer, who, after singing and prayer, opened the meeting with an address.

The Report, which embraced the operations of two years, was listened to with lively interest. The reports from every quarter were most gratifying. All the Auxiliaries were flourishing and active; those of Strasburg and Toulouse had distinguished themselves. Many distributors are employed, who accompany the Tracts, which they sell or give away, with other appropriate efforts to bring those who receive them to know and obey the truth. Sixteen new Tracts have been added to the Society's series, which now numbers 92—exclusive of two in German. Nearly 1,000,000 copies have been sent from the Depository, including 36,000 copies of the Society's Almanac for 1883. Whole number circulated since the formation of the Society between 2 and 3,000,000. Important aid has been received from England and America.

The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Cambon, Bonnet, (pastor of a French church in London, who gave an account of Tract operations there,) Dutivier, Rostan (late of New-York, who entered at some length into the mode of Tract operations in that city,) and F. Monod, who announced that a friend of the Society had authorized the offer of 200 francs to the author of the best Tract on *the Laborer's Monday*—the object being to check a common double violation of the law of God among that class of persons, many of whom work all day on Sunday, and on Monday give themselves up to the most ruinous excesses.

Mr. Rostan stated that 600 Christian laborers were engaged in connection with Tract distribution in New-York; he described their quarterly and district prayer-meetings, the morning prayer-meetings on the days of the anniversaries, &c. and urged that much prayer should accompany all their anniversaries and Christian efforts in France.

Many instances were detailed at the meeting in which Tracts had been instrumental, in a striking manner, of bringing men to a knowledge of the truth.

*A Lady in France.*

A lady had opposed the distribution of Tracts in one village, and gone so far as to threaten that if it did not cease, and the Minister

leave, *the village should be burnt.* The Tracts, however, made their way, and some of them came into her own possession. She read them, and such was their effect, that she is now one of the most active Tract distributors in that part of the country.

---

An able evangelical writer from France, says of this Society: "Really pious men—sincere disciples of the Savior—are at the head of it. They manifest a strong desire for the salvation of souls. They exhibit the spirit of Christ, and wherever his spirit is, there is life, energy, and perseverance: obstacles are surmounted, difficulties are overcome, Christians of all countries lend their efforts and prayers, and in the strength of God all barriers are overthrown."

---

### THE CALL FROM BURMAH RENEWED.

The following letter is from the Rev. Mr. Wade, the Burman Missionary now in this country, dated at Hamilton, N. York.

DEAR BROTHER—

I have for some time been desirous of laying before the American Tract Society the wants of Burmah, and soliciting on her behalf a further appropriation. It is with much satisfaction and thankfulness that I acknowledge, in behalf of the perishing millions of that empire, the favors they have already received from your funds; but as a starving man, who through the charity of some benevolent hand received a partial relief to his gnawing hunger, feels his appetite thereby increased, and is awakened to a keener sense of his wants, so it is with the Burmans, and such the effect produced by the partial supply of religious Tracts already distributed among them.

In the early part of the mission, when we had but one Tract and a small catechism, and but a few copies of these to give, they were dispensed with a sparing hand, and demands for them were proportionably few. When Mr. Bennett arrived in Burmah, the printing apparatus was put in more efficient operation, since which the number of Tracts has been increased many fold, and copies of each more than a thousand fold; distribution has been limited to those whose claims were pressing, yet we never have so large a supply on hand as formerly.

On Mr. Bennett's first arrival, when he was about to put the above-mentioned Tract and catechism to press for a new edition, it became a subject of discussion, how many copies of each would be needed for distribution during the time that the New Testament should be in the press, (for we were anxious to get that in circulation as soon as possible,) and the number decided on was 600. But when these were offered to the public, and it was noised abroad that the Missionaries had religious books to give away, applications multiplied daily, and the editions went off nearly as soon as the types were distributed. The New Testament was delayed to reprint the Tract, and a new one, together with the catechism; of each 2,000 copies. The demands

increased with the increase of copies, and they were distributed as fast as they could be stitched and trimmed. The New Testament was again delayed to reprint, of the different Tracts, 10,000 copies each! While some of these were printing, others were distributed and gone. New editions were printed of 20,000 copies!!

Thus the printing of the New Testament was delayed about three years, by the constantly increasing demand for Tracts.

About three years since, I spent several months in Rangoon, and nearly the whole time the demand for Tracts was so great, that when the people found I had received a new supply from Maulmein, I was obliged to close my doors and dispense the books through a window, to prevent the press of the multitude. Hundreds of people, even from a distance, I sent away empty handed, because my supply was so scanty; and I was obliged to refuse all who lived near and could call again. Oh! it was painful to hear these hundreds who were perishing for want of the bread of life, crying, Give, give! and yet be obliged to send them away empty.

Several new Tracts have been printed within the last four years, translations of all of which I believe have been sent to the American Tract Society. One Tract has been printed in Taling. This is a translation from the Burman. Several more are translated and ready for the press. These Tracts are greatly needed among the Talings, for though many of them can speak Burman, but few can read it understandingly. Above all, I would mention the claims of the Karens, a people inhabiting the hilly and mountainous parts of Burmah, and the region between Burmah and Siam, who, through the Providence of God, have been preserved as a people from idolatry, and seem prepared to receive the Gospel. An ancient tradition among them, that the white foreigners would bring them the word of God, and their late acquaintance with American Missionaries, have greatly excited their expectations, and they are impatiently waiting to receive Tracts and the word of God.

Not many months before I left the country, a bundle of Burman Tracts was carried into the interior of the Karen region; and although the people could not read Burman, yet being told the books came from the white foreigners, and that they gave an account of the true God, they were so anxious to obtain them, and the supply was so small, that they cut them up and distributed them in small portions of a few lines each, in order to gratify the numerous applicants with some part of the precious books, which they carefully laid up in their houses, as a kind of earnest that they should ere long obtain more, and that in their own language.

Their language has lately been reduced to writing, and an elementary book, together with a catechism and a few scripture commands, printed in it. These works are hailed by them as a new era in their nation, being considered as a beginning of the fulfillment of their ancient tradition, that the white foreigners should give them the word of God. Since their language has been reduced to writing, and schools have been opened among them, the young and middle aged are indefatigable in their exertions to learn to read. I feel very great anxiety that this people should be furnished with Tracts as fast as they are able to use them.

I would observe further, that since my arrival in America, I have received letters informing me that brother Kincaid, now at Rangoon, is about to proceed up the river as far as Ava, and if so, he will pass through that interesting part of the country where brother Judson distributed so many Tracts about three years ago, and we hope the demand for Tracts now in that region will be even greater than it was then.

For want of time, I have taken but a cursory view of the wants of the Burmans, Talings, and Karens, (to whom I might add the Mags and Siamese,) but from the facts which I have noted, I hope you are prepared to say with me that three thousand dollars, could not be better appropriated at present from your Society than in supplying the pressing wants of those needy millions.

Yours, most affectionately and respectfully,

J. WADE.

Paper, to the amount of 150 reams, was forwarded to Ceylon, for the use of the Mission, by the ship Israel, in July.

#### INTERESTING FROM HAMBURG AND GERMANY.

Very full communications have recently been received from the Lower Saxony Tract Society at Hamburg. In 1832 its receipts were £389 10s. (\$1,731,) including a grant of \$200 from the American Tract Society. During the year it added nine new Tracts to the series, and printed 285,850 Tracts, making 1,641,300 since the Society's formation. Circulated 190,268; since the formation of the Society, 1,412,679. Of Keith on Prophecies, 1,000 have been sold; of the Pilgrim's Progress, 800, and 2,000 printed.

The Tracts have been sent into every part of Germany, and distributed among Protestants and Catholics. Through Rev. Mr. Knill, of St. Petersburg, 50,000 have been dispersed among Germans in Russia; 1,000 have been sent to Sweden, and many distributed to emigrants departing for the United States.

The Committee of the Hamburg Society (many of whom are connected with the English Independent Chapel in Hamburg) are active; and though most of them are pressed with business, their meetings are regularly attended, and always begun and closed with prayer. They are of one heart in maintaining the great truths and doctrines of evangelical religion, though infidelity, rationalism, and universalism, are so prevalent around them as to render their receipts very small; and aid from England and America is essential to the vigorous prosecution of their work.

"Yesterday (says a letter) a member of the Committee had his goods seized to pay a fine of £1 15s. because he had attended a religious meeting at the house of Rev. Mr. Oncken, (another member,) and Rev. Mr. O. has to pay £5 for having held the meeting, and expects them every day to come and take the money by force. This is the religious liberty of the free city of Hamburg! The Society at Ham-



burg now publish more Tracts, it is believed, than all other Tract Societies in Germany. If this is true, less than 580,000 were published in 1832 for the *thirty-one millions of Germany*, of whom about one million die every year."

The Catholic dignitaries have in some parts issued circulars to their priests, "to see that the Tracts of Protestant pietists might have no effect;" and in some instances, it is believed, Tracts have on this account been much more extensively and attentively read. Such has been the fact in reference to the labors of Dean C. P. H. Brandt, in Bavaria. Of 70,000 Tracts, which had been distributed, perhaps 1,000 have been burnt, or torn in pieces; but now the desire to read Tracts is so great as to render large additional supplies immediately necessary. The champions of infidelity also are making all possible efforts to prevent the spread of true religion. Beside which, many who claim to have embraced the great doctrines of the Gospel, entertain so erroneous sentiments on many points, as transubstantiation, future punishment, holidays, confessions, and especially the Sabbath, that they do not co-operate with energy. The Tract "Sabbath Occupations" has occasioned much opposition. Fuller's Tract "Future Punishment Endless," and the broad sheet Ten Commandments, retaining the second, we expect will give offence. The second commandment is generally omitted, and the tenth divided into two; the fourth (3d) reads:—"Thou shalt keep holy the *holiday*;" and alas, holidays are, throughout the whole of Germany, much more attended to than the day which God has divinely instituted.

The number of pious ministers and Christians, however, is increasing daily; new doors for the circulation of Tracts are opening; and the instances of their being blessed in the conversion of sinners are more frequent than formerly.

As to further assistance, I feel sure \$1,000, for 1833, would not be more than the Society will need, could it be spared. In many parts of the countries belonging to the German Diet, Bohemia, Hanover, Austria, Rheno-Bavaria, &c. very few Tracts have been distributed.

*Tracts of the Hamburg Society, published also, or approved, by the  
American Tract Society.*

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>No. 1. End of Time.<br/>6. Death of Altamont.<br/>10. James Covey.<br/>11. Sabbath Occupations.<br/>14. Poor Watchmaker.<br/>15. African Servant.<br/>16. Young Cottager.<br/>17. Dairyman's Daughter.<br/>20. Swearer's Prayer.<br/>23. Christ the only Refuge.<br/>24. Sixteen Short Sermons.<br/>25. For all who would be Saved.<br/>26. Two Seamen after a Storm.<br/>30. Two Ways and Two Ends.<br/>32. Dia. bet two Friends on Regen.<br/>34. Hopes for Eternity.</p> | <p>No. 46. Leslie's Method.<br/>48. Subjects for Consideration.<br/>51. Life of Rev. John Cowper.<br/>56. Advantages of Drunkenness.<br/>62. The Lottery.<br/>64. Poor Joseph.<br/>65. Amelia Gale.<br/>67. Warning Voice.<br/>73. Loss of the Kent.<br/>74. Sailor's Return.<br/>77. Two Apprentices.<br/>85. Prodigal Son.<br/>95. Future Punishment Endless.<br/>96. Life of Rev. John Bunyan.<br/>Child's Tract, Image Boys.<br/>Christians Duty to the Heathen.</p> |
|--|--|

See Religious Tract and Book Society for Ireland—Why the Keeprakes were parted with—Auxillaries, Prince Edward, Va., and Harrisburg, Pa. on cover.

### THE TRACT AND THE PATAGONIAN MISSIONARY.

The Rev. WILLIAM ARMS, who recently sailed as a Missionary for Patagonia, communicated, by request, the following statement :

My parents being pious, I was religiously educated, and yet I grew up a profane and wicked youth, notwithstanding all their prayers and entreaties, to which those of my sisters were added. At the age of fifteen my attention was arrested and turned to the subject of religion by the following circumstance. The Tract entitled the "Heavenly Footman" found its way from London to this country, and was sent, with several others, by some friends in N. H., to my father, who then resided in one of the new settlements in Pennsylvania. To the reading of this Tract I am indebted, under God, for the salvation of my soul, if indeed I have ever been made a child of grace.

Being about to embark for the purpose of carrying the Gospel to the perishing pagans, I very cheerfully leave my testimony to the efficacy of religious Tracts in arousing the consciences of men.

---

### TWO GREAT HOME OBJECTS,

*Now claiming the attention of every friend of the Tract cause.*

I. Christian effort for the eternal welfare of men, in connection with Tract distribution, put forth in the wisest and best manner, in behalf of all that portion of our population to whom access is given.

II. Extending the circulation of the Society's invaluable *Occasional Volumes*, of which *twelve* are now issued, embracing, next to the Bible, a number of the most spiritual and efficient evangelical works which have ever been issued. See list on cover.

---

### NEW PUBLICATIONS.

No. 278. MEANS OF A REVIVAL—extracted from President Edwards' treatise on revivals—pp. 8. To remove stumbling-blocks—meekness and forbearance—waiting on God—all, especially ministers, to see that "the work is promoted in *their own soul*"—ministers to be fellow-helpers, and act with zeal and resolution—all to fast and pray, consecrate their efforts and property, renew their covenant with God," &c.

No. 283. ALARM TO THE CARELESS, pp. 8. By Rev. Mark Tucker, D. D., Troy, N. Y. They should be alarmed by the fact that they are careless, perverting every means of grace—by the importance of their salvation—their exposure—no more powerful means can be employed for them—their sin is voluntary and confirmed by habit—the Spirit is grieved—a day of awful retribution is at hand.

OCASIONAL TRACT. *The History of Andrew Dunn.* Pp. 52.

Andrew was educated a Roman Catholic, and at 40 began to inquire into the foundations of his belief; obtained a New Testament, and

with most of his family, and some of his neighbors, embraced religion in its purity. The history narrates his conversations with Father Dominic, his priest, on withholding the Scriptures from common people—on mass—confessions—penance and absolution—anoointing—purgatory—praying to saints—and human merit. These errors are exposed by Andrew, in a manner at once convincing, and well adapted to the apprehension of common readers; and the conversation is accompanied with valuable explanatory notes, drawn from the history of the Papal Church. It was stated by the Secretary of the London Religious Tract Society, that so great has been the influence of this Tract in Ireland, that the Catholics have thought it necessary to publish a counter statement, in which Andrew is said, on becoming a Protestant, to have fallen sick, lost his cattle, &c. and to have become well, and prospered only on his returning to the Catholic Church.

#### KEITH ON THE EVIDENCE OF PROPHECY.

Pages 144, 18mo. with *three views* of the ruins of Babylon and Edom. Price 20 cents sheep, 12½ cents half bound. This little volume is selected and abridged from the work of Keith, entitled, "Evidence of the Truth of the Christian Religion, derived from the literal fulfillment of Prophecy, particularly as illustrated by the history of the Jews, and by the discoveries of modern travelers." After an introduction stating the nature of the argument, a chapter is devoted to the fulfillment of prophecy under each of the following heads: Christ and the Christian religion—the destruction of Jerusalem—the Jews—Judea and the adjoining countries—Nineveh, Babylon, Tyre, and Egypt—the Arabs, &c.—Prophecies of Daniel—Conclusion. The furnishing of the substance of this invaluable work, in so cheap and attractive a form, cannot but prove a blessing to multitudes of families, schools, &c. and will doubtless be acceptable to many Clergymen and students of theology.

### RECEIPTS

#### INTO THE TREASURY OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

*During the month ending August 15, 1833.*

##### FROM AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETIES.

	Per Tr.	Dona.
<b>VER.</b> —Middlebury, William P. Russel, Secretary, . . . . .		30 00
Sudbury, Female, Miss Susan Ranger, . . . . .		42
<b>MASS.</b> —Boston, American Tract Society, John Tappan, Esq. Treasurer, . . . . .	45 00	
Do. do. do. for Baptist Mission at Orissa, India, . . . . .		300 00
Pittsfield, Female, Miss Amelia Danforth, Secretary, . . . . .	1 74	16 26
<b>CONN.</b> —Brooklyn, (Windham Co. Aux.) Edwin Newbury, Agent, . . . . .	5 00	
Chester, Female, Rev. Wm. Case, Agent, . . . . .	1 50	2 26
Greenwich, Eshon Husted, Secretary, . . . . .	4 59	
Hartford, Connecticut Branch, Charles Hosmer, Secretary, . . . . .	300 00	
New Canaan, George W. Ayres, Treasurer, . . . . .	1 06	
New-Haven, J. L. Cross, Agent, . . . . .	16 00	
North Greenwich, Obadiah Peck, Treasurer, . . . . .	2 66	
Reading, Rev. William L. Strong, Agent, . . . . .	5 00	
West Hartford, Mark Gridley, Treasurer, . . . . .		10 00
<b>NEW-YORK.</b> —Amenia South, Female, Miss Catharine Reed, Secretary, . . . . .	8 00	8 00
Amity, Orange Co., Gabriel L. Dolven, Treasurer, . . . . .	5 00	
Ansville, Chaataaugus Co., Reuben Johnson, Secretary, (for Burmah,) . . . . .		1 00
Auburn, Henry Ivison, Agent, . . . . .	14 00	
Bedford, Female, Mrs. S. N. Nichols, Treasurer, . . . . .	8 74	
Bridgehampton, L. I., Rev. Amzi Francis, President, . . . . .	8 83	
Catekill, Edgar B. Day, Esq. Treasurer, . . . . .	13 00	
Coitonth, Saratoga Co., Female, Sophronia Rogers, Secretary, . . . . .		2 00
Coventry, Chenango Co., Mrs. Betsey Phillips, Treasurer, . . . . .	8 00	
Bushville Falls, Female, Mrs. Jane Ann Butler, Secretary, . . . . .	1 00	

	For	Tr.	Don.
East-Stockholm, St. Lawrence Co., Dorns Pettibone, Treasurer,			6 00
Flatlands, Female, Mrs. L. A. Van Noyce, Treasurer,			68
Fort Edward, Female, Mrs. Abigail L. Hasbrouck, Treasurer,			2 00
Gravesend, L. I., Female, Mrs. S. G. Stryker, Treasurer,			5 07
Hudson, Warren Rockwell, Treasurer,			20 00
Jamestown, Female, Mrs. Rebecca H. Harvey, Secretary,			24
Newburgh, Henry P. Myer, Treasurer,			10 01
New-Rochelle, Female, Miss Sophia Brewster, Secretary,			1 61
New-Utrecht, L. I., Mrs. C. Knapp, Treasurer,			1 77
New York City, Alfred Edwards, Treasurer,			2 00
Do. by the Female Branch, Mrs. E. B. Lethbridge, Treasurer,			27 00
Pekskill, West-Chester Co., Wm. D. Everson, Secretary,			6 40
Poughkeepsie, James Bogardus, Treasurer,			4 87
Poundridge, West Chester Co., Wm. L. Smith, Treasurer,			2 87
Ridgebury, Orange Co., Jonathan Bailey, Treasurer,			3 80
Rochester, Monroe Co., Levi A. Ward, Treasurer,			100 00
Do. Ulster Co., Female, Elizabeth Bevier, Treasurer,			5 00
Shawangunk, Ulster Co., Moses J. Decker, Secretary,			15 00
Tarrytown, William Dutcher, Treasurer,			4 48
Troy, Charles Lyman, Treasurer,			20 88
Unionville, West-Chester Co., John F. Yerks, Secretary,			8 10
Utica, Edward Vernon, Secretary,			150 00
West Farms, H. W. St. John, Treasurer,			1 24
Williamsburg, L. I., Mr. Meserole, Treasurer,			59
Yorktown, Rev. William Albert Hyde, Secretary,			2 00
NEW JERSEY.—Bellevue, Sebastian Duncan, Secretary,			25 20
Boston, Rev. J. H. Woodhull, Agent,			5 33
Brounbrook, George Winsor, Treasurer,			5 40
Chester, Rev. A. Williamson, Agent,			1 64
Hardwick Cong. (Gratitude P. O.) Female, Miss Sarah M. Roy, Treas.			2 00
Harlingen, Female, Mary Skillman, Treasurer,			5 60
Millstone, Female, Mrs. Peter Staats, Treasurer,			7 94
Newark, Female, Mrs. Sarah M. Graham, Treasurer,			8 53
New-Brunswick, Abraham Suydam, Treasurer,			25 74
New-Vernon, Rev. U. Maynard, Agent,			1 00
Princeton, Nassau Hall, G. W. Seyburn, President,			25 00
Trenton, First Church, Female, Esther Melville, Treasurer,			5 00
Do. do. (for Burmah,)			5 00
Westfield, Female, Miss Mary Pierson, Secretary,			3 25
PENNSYLVANIA.—Philadelphia Branch, Frederick Erringer, Treasurer,			10 73
Pittsburgh, Rev. Robert Patterson, Agent,			58 00
MARYLAND.—Baltimore Branch, Carter A. Hall, Esq. Treasurer,			100 00
VIRGINIA.—Petersburg, Abel Head, Esq., Treasurer,			25 00
Prince Edward Co. Theol. Sem., Henry J. Venable, Treasurer, (for. dia.)			10 00
NORTH-CAROLINA.—Salisbury			23 50
ALABAMA.—Tuscaloosa, D. Woodruff, Treasurer,			20 00
OHIO.—Columbus Branch, R. W. McCoy, Treasurer,			75 00
Euclid, Henry McIlrath, Sec., (\$2 for for. dia., including \$1 for Burmah.)			8 12
Perrysburg, (Wood Co. Aux.) Leander Sackett, Secretary,			5 43
Tiffin, (Seneca Co. Aux.) Allen Campbell, Secretary,			15 94
Wellington, (for. dia.)			13 00
INDIANA.—Indianapolis, Dr. Isaac Coe, President,			10 00
Madison, Indiana Branch, Rev. Moses H. Wilder, Cor. Sec.			45 20
ILLINOIS.—Jacksonville,			4 00
MICHIGAN TERRITORY.—Ann Arbor, E. H. Platt, Treasurer,			16 00
Monroe, S. P. Warriner, Agent,			5 70

## SOCIETIES NOT AUXILIARY.

NEW-YORK.—Brooklyn, L. I., Young Ladies' Tract Society, (for use of Rev. Mr. Turner, in Adams Co. Ill.)			
VIRGINIA.—Buffalo, Prince Edward Co., Tract Society, (for. dia.)			15 00
SOUTH CAROLINA.—Kings' Creek, Newberry Dis. Female Tract Society, Rosanna S. Glenn, Secretary, (for the Heathen.)			11 25
OHIO.—Redoak, James Gilliland, Agent,			5 00
MISSOURI.—New Salem, Lafayette Co., Rev. Finis Ewing, Secretary,			17 50
Saline Co. Bethel Tract Society, Dr. J. M. Kinnear, Secretary,			3 00
Tracts sold at the Depository to individuals, including \$345 68 from travelling Agents,			1 00
			778 25

## Directors for Life.

CONN.—Sharon, David Gould, (in part of \$50)	20 00
NEW-YORK.—Newburgh, Rev. John Johnston, (in full of \$51 17.)	31 17
New-York City, Knowles Taylor,	100 00
Poughkeepsie, Rev. C. C. Cuyler, D.	

D., by his church and congregation, (in full of \$50.)	30 00
Poughkeepsie, Rev. William Fager, by his church and congregation,	50 00
N.JER.—Somerville, Rev. Abraham Mealer, (-\$4 25 by his ch. and cong., \$10 by T. C. Doremus.)	64 25
Westfield, Rev. James M. Hunting, by his church and cong.	22 00

## Members for Life.

<b>R. ISLAND.</b> —Providence, Mrs. Della S. Waterman, by the Richmond-st. Female Tract Society, . . .	20 00
<b>CONN.</b> —Berlin, New-Britain Society, Mrs. Samuel Whitley Lee, . . .	20 00
Farmington, Charles Alfred Bowen, by his father, Ira Bowen, . . .	20 00
Do. Mrs. Flora Hawley, . . .	20 00
Do. Horace Coules Williams, by his father, Austin F. Williams, . . .	20 00
Jewett City, Rev. George Perkins, by Female Auxiliary Tract Society, (in full of \$20), . . .	10 00
<b>NEW-YORK.</b> —Albany, Joseph W. G. Gould, by Mrs. Eliza Clark, . . .	20 00
Auburn, Onondaga Co., Jared Arnold, (in part of \$20), . . .	5 00
Brooklyn, L. I., John W. Smith, . . .	20 00
Do. Mrs. N. W. Sanford, by her husband, . . .	20 00
Clinton, Hamilton College, Prof. Simon North, by students, . . .	20 00
New-York City, Robertson Rodgers, . . .	20 00
<b>VIR.</b> —Nottoway Co., Wm. Dupuy, Prince Edward Co., Thos. Tredway, (in full of \$20), . . .	10 00
<b>LOU.</b> —New-Orleans, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Burgess, . . .	20 00
<b>ASHA.</b> —Bay Root, Mrs. Sarah Smith, by ladies at United States Hotel, Saratoga Springs, . . .	25 00

## Annual Members.

<b>NEW-YORK.</b> —Fishkill, Miss F. M. Gary, . . .	2 00
New-York City, Leander Mead, . . .	2 00
Do. Horace East, Agent A. T. S. . .	2 00

## Other Donations.

<b>CONN.</b> —Avon, church and cong. (Rev. Mr. Case) . . .	22 50
Berlin, New Britain Society, . . .	23 57
Bridgewater, a Female Friend, avails of Jewelry, . . .	2 50
Canton, O. E. Hannum \$1, Luke Case 50 cents, . . .	1 50
Do. Rev. J. Burt's Society, . . .	30 00
Do. Collinsville Society, . . .	16 78
Coventry, G. Sage, . . .	1 00
Farmington, Rev. Dr. Porter's Soc'y, Hartford Co., avails of gold rings, by Rev. J. M. Brewster, Agent, . . .	75
Middle Hadlam, Joseph Dart, . . .	1 00
Norwich, Second Congregational Ch. Sharon, sundry individuals, . . .	100 00
Do. Avails of Jewelry, . . .	46 00
Southington, Rev. D. L. Ogden's Society, . . .	56
Do. Cash, . . .	42 23
Synabury, Rev. A. McLean's Soc'y, Do. Unknown Friends, . . .	42 00
Vernon, Elam Pearl, . . .	1 84
West-Hartford, Abijah Flagg, . . .	3 00
<b>NEW-YORK.</b> —Avails of Jewelry, by B. Shaw and J. R. Avery, Agents, Albany, a Friend to the Tract cause, Balltown Springs, collection at public meeting, . . .	3 12
Brooklyn, L. I., First Presb. Church, (Rev. Mr. Carroll's), . . .	100 00
Fairfield, Herkimer Co., William B. Mason, . . .	12 70
Fayetteville, Onondaga Co., Presbyterian Society, . . .	200 00
Ghentville, Schenectady Co. Rev. Mr. Shierland's Society, . . .	3 00
Hell Moon, Saratoga Co. Baptist Congregation, (for Burmah), . . .	15 00
Do. . . . .	24 00
Do. . . . .	4 00

Newburgh, Rev. Mr. Johnston's Ch. Newtown, Schenectady Co., Rev. Mr. Fraser's cong. . . .	3 00
New-York City, First Presb. Church, by hands of Rev. Dr. Phillips, . . .	4 00
Do. Infant Sabbath School, Spring-street Church, by S. B. Halliday, (for Burmah), . . .	200 00
Do. Duncan McArthur, . . .	2 56
Do. D. O. Caultkins, (for dia.), . . .	10 00
Do. A Friend, (for dia.), . . .	3 00
Do. A Friend, . . .	2 00
Princeton, Schenectady Co., Presb. Congregation, . . .	14
Poughkeepsie, Individuals of Baptist, Dutch, and Presb. Churches, . . .	6 12
Ripley, Chautauque Co., L. Hopkins, (for dia.), . . .	56 43
Rotterdam, Schenectady Co., Rev. Mr. Boyd's Society, . . .	1 00
Saratoga Springs, collection in church at a public meeting, . . .	81 00
Sing Sing, (for dia.), . . .	150 00
Strykeraville, Genesee Co., Presb. Cong., (for dia.), . . .	40 00
Union Village, a Female Friend, avails of Jewelry, . . .	2 00
<b>N. JER.</b> —Warsippany, Individuals, . . .	50
Do. Rev. John Ford and children, Plainfield, Essex Co., Individuals, . . .	19 00
Do. Baptist Church, by Rev. D. T. Hill, . . .	1 30
Princeton, Edge Hill Seminary, . . .	1 00
Do. Collection in Presb. Church, and other donations, . . .	6 43
Do. A Lady, avails of gold chain, . . .	8 25
Readingtown, Ref. Dutch Ch., Rev. John Van Liew's, . . .	47 44
Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., individs, . . .	5 00
<b>PENN.</b> —Canonsburg, Sabbath School, by J. L. Travell, Sug. (for dia.), . . .	16 00
<b>D. COL.</b> —Alexandria, avails of Jewelry, Georgetown, avails of Jewelry, . . .	40 00
Washington City, avails of Jewelry, . . .	4 70
<b>VIRGINIA.</b> —Powhatan, Sally D. Watkins, (for Burmah), . . .	37
Do. Mary P. Pindexter 50c., Eliza Pindexter 50c., Mrs. Lippacom 50c., (for dia.), . . .	70
<b>N. CAR.</b> —Lexington, Rev. P. Pierson, (for dia.), . . .	26
<b>S. CAR.</b> —Kings' Creek, Newberry Dia. A Friend, . . .	1 00
<b>ALA.</b> —Springfield, Rev. J. H. Gray, donations for Tracts granted, . . .	1 50
<b>OHIO.</b> —Rev. John Gridley, Agent of the Society, for use of Rev. Edwin Stevens, Canton, China, . . .	3 48
Do. Individuals, (for dia.), . . .	15 00
Penfield, Lorain Co., Mrs. Knapp, (for dia.), . . .	1 00
Perrysburg, Willard Randall, (for China 50c., for Burmah 50c., . . .	50
<b>ILLINOIS.</b> —Sundry individuals, by Robert Stewart, (for dia.), . . .	1 00
Do. . . . .	3 00

The above list contains donations—  
 For the Valley of the Mississippi, \$15 00  
 For Foreign Distribution, (including \$15 56 for Burmah, \$15 50 for China, \$300 for India, . . .) 424 00

Whole amount of donations, . . . 2,710 38  
 Received for Tracts sold, . . . 2,204 25  
 Total, . . . 4,915 12

# THE AMERICAN

## Tract Magazine.

**VOL. IX.**

**OCTOBER, 1833.**

**NO. 10.**

### STANDARD EVANGELICAL VOLUMES ISSUED BY THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

The diffusion of the *standard evangelical works of Baxter and others* has long been regarded as one of the choicest means of spiritual good to men. Many volumes have been distributed by individual beneficence; and various plans have been contemplated for securing a more general circulation. As this object comes within the immediate design of the American Tract Society, the Committee have felt that it laid a claim upon their attention; and the following volumes have been stereotyped, and are sold, in neat and durable binding, at the cost prices annexed: viz.

Volumes 12mo.					
	Pages.	Cloth backs.	Sheep.	Half bd. calf.	Calf.
Baxter's Saints' Rest, 12mo.	272		37½	50	87½
Doddridge's Rise and Progress, 12mo,	280		37½	50	87½
Volumes 18mo.					
Pilgrim's Progress, with engravings,	376		37½	50	62½
Persuatives to Early Piety, . . .	360		32	50	62½
Life of David Brainerd,* . . .	360		32	50	62½
Edwards on the Affections, (re-written)*	276		30	50	62½
Baxter's Call, with Chalmers' Preface,	160		20		
Alleine's Alarm to the Unconverted,	168	12½	20		
Evidence of Prophecy, with engravings,*	144	12½	20		
Life of Rev. Samuel Kilpin, . . .	156	12½	20		
Family Hymns, . . .	216	12½	20		
Cotton Mather's Essays to do Good,	108	12½	18		
Beecher's Sermons on Intemperance,	108	10			

*The following are now in the Press.*

Baxter's Dying Thoughts.			
Flavel on Keeping the Heart, . . .	108	12½	18
Flavel's Touchstone of Sincerity.			

☐ A list of other *Occasional Volumes* published by the Society will be found on the cover.

\* The Life of Brainerd is that by President Edwards, somewhat abridged; the Treatise on the Affections is as re-written by Ellerby, with some corrections made on a careful collation with the original; and the Evidence of Prophecy is reprinted from an abridged London edition. The other editions are the same as those in general circulation, with no essential omission or alteration.

Vol. IX.

10

Whole No. 91.

A volume of testimony might be adduced showing how highly many of these works have been esteemed, and how abundantly they have been blessed by the Holy Spirit.

In a letter addressed to the Committee by the Rev. Dr. ALEXANDER, of Princeton, he says, "I rejoice to learn that the Committee of the American Tract Society are turning their attention to the preparation and circulation of *small bound volumes*. These are as really *Tracts*" (Treatises) "as any of the pamphlets or sheets sent forth from the Institution. Many are prejudiced against small Tracts, who have no such prejudice against bound volumes; and the greater *durability* of the latter is an important argument in their favor. I have attentively read over the list of books which the Committee have already put into circulation, and the selection meets with my cordial approbation. Works of a more evangelical and spiritual kind do not exist; and I am gratified to see that they are printed and bound in a neat and handsome style. I am deeply persuaded that *great public benefit* will arise from the appropriation of a portion of your funds in this way. When I consider how many copies of 'Doddridge's Rise and Progress,' 'Baxter's Call to the Unconverted,' 'Alleine's Alarm,' 'Edwards on the Affections,' and such like works, will be circulated through the whole length and breadth of this land, I am filled with pleasing anticipations of the good which your Society will be the means of accomplishing. I do sincerely hope that the Committee will persevere in the prosecution of this object. I *did* think it important that a Society for the circulation of religious books should be formed, but I do not see why the American Tract Society may not manage this whole concern more economically and successfully than any new Society. The success which has already attended your efforts in this way is calculated to inspire you with confidence to go on in the name of the Lord."

The late Rev. Dr. WILSON, of Philadelphia, when in his sinking health he retired from the city to die, was found with the Bible and the *Saints' Rest* on his table, the latter of which, next to the former, he said he found the sweetest and most profitable companion, as he was drawing near the Heavenly Canaan. To this work Baxter himself used most frequently to refer in his later years for his own spiritual benefit; and it has been blessed

to a long train of individuals in all succeeding ages, and will doubtless continue to be read and blessed down to the day of millennial glory.

When, by the bequest of the lamented PHILLIPS, the same volume was placed simultaneously in every family in a town in Massachusetts, the Pastor, Rev. Dr. EDWARDS, stated that its influence on the people was very perceptible, like a gentle out-pouring of the Holy Spirit.

The Superintendent of a Sabbath School in Providence, R. I. who presented to ten young ladies each a copy of *Doddridge's Rise and Progress*, obtained satisfactory evidence that this work, in connection with other means employed, was blessed by the Holy Spirit, in leading them *all* to the Savior; and the Librarian of a College at the West, during a revival of religion, remarked that this work was apparently the means of spiritual good to every inquirer who gave it a serious perusal.

The Rev. Dr. McCARTER, of New-York, stated in a public meeting, that when engaged with a fellow student in the eager pursuit of law, they met one evening, one of them having the *Rise and Progress* in his pocket, and the other the *Saints' Rest* lying on his table; and mutually found that the attention of both had been powerfully arrested by those volumes. One of them, after a short life of piety, entered into rest; the other yet lives to proclaim the Gospel to dying men.

The *Pilgrim's Progress* has been read more extensively perhaps than any other work in the English language. It at once attracts the attention of the thoughtless, and instructs the ripened Christian.

The *Persuasive to Early Piety*, (by Rev. J. G. Pike,) is thought more to resemble the writings of Baxter, in its solemn and moving appeals, than any other work written in the present age. A clergyman in Pennsylvania believes that the day of judgment will show that one copy of this work was spiritually blessed to a number of young persons in his congregation.

It was from *the Life of Brainerd* that HENRY MARTYN, and a host of others who have blessed the churches at home and toiled in heathen lands, drew pre-eminently the spirit of Christian missions; and to them and thousands of others it has been equally blessed in kindling the flame of personal piety.



The *Treatise on the Affections*, which is considered by many the best of Edwards' productions, is almost universally regarded as a great standard work on Christian experience and the evidence of saving conversion. The *Touchstone*, by Flavel, is admirably adapted to the same end; as is his treatise on *Keeping the Heart*, to the cultivation of piety, and growth in grace.

Of the *Call to the Unconverted*, 30,000 were printed in a little more than a year after it was published; it was translated into several languages before the author's death, and he considered it the most useful of all his works, except the *Saints' Rest*. *Alleine's Alarm* is of a kindred character, and scarcely less awakening and powerful.

The *Essays of Cotton Mather* present to the reader the great principles by which his efforts to do good should be governed; the narrative of *Kilpin* exhibits those principles successfully carried out in active life; and the *Dying Thoughts* of Baxter are designed to lead to a constant preparation for the exchange of worlds. The *Evidence of Prophecy* presents an argument for the truth of revelation that should be in every hand. The *Family Hymns* are a selection well adapted for worship in the family, the social circle, and the closet. The *Sermons on Intemperance* guard against that sin by the most overwhelming considerations.

Who can refrain from the wish, that such works as these may be placed in every family? What family of children, educated with such books in their hands, and familiar with their contents, will fail of receiving impressions, which, accompanied by the Spirit of God, may lead to a blessed immortality? The Rev. Dr. PORTER, of Andover, in his preface to a new edition of a kindred work, says that "up to the age of twelve years, he had never seen a *bad* book;" and adds, that the impressions made on his mind by the *Saints' Rest* "probably had more efficacy in the formation of his subsequent moral and religious habits than *any other means*, except parental influence;" and early in his ministry, it became his settled purpose to "read a passage daily, if it were but a single page, in some spiritual writer of this class," as essential to keeping his heart near to God in the preparation of his sermons, and his other duties.

Many children have received from pious parents one of these volumes as a *dying bequest*, and kept it for years as a precious and sacred memorial.

The Committee hope that *every parent*, and the heads of all establishments embracing numbers of the young, will do whatever shall be found practicable to furnish them with these volumes.

They hope that *Ministers of the Gospel* will promote their circulation throughout their respective congregations, and the population generally among whom they are called to labor.

They look to *all the Society's Agents* to further this object as in their power. And it appears to them that a number of *intelligent and devoted young laymen* might be usefully employed in the sole business of extending the sale to families in townships and counties, where otherwise these publications would not probably soon, if ever, reach.

The extensive demand hitherto made for these volumes—about *forty thousand* having already been sold—affords encouragement for further effort; and when it is considered that about *one thousand* were sold within three townships, it will be seen at once how extensive a circulation might be obtained with proper effort throughout the United States, and how little has yet been done for its accomplishment. And the Committee are happy to believe that the circulation of these volumes, however far it may be prosecuted, will in no degree ultimately interfere with the circulation of *Tracts accompanied by Christian effort and prayer*; or limit the *contributions for sending Tracts to the heathen*; or curtail the *operations of booksellers*. Evangelical knowledge, like the light of heaven, may be every where diffused without fear of injury. If by this, and all other means, through the blessing of God, a *generation of sanctified readers* can be reared up, they will be a generation ready to every good word and work, and will certainly call for an amount of reading in all the departments of useful knowledge that has hitherto had no parallel.

By order and in behalf of the Executive Committee of the American Tract Society.

JAMES MILNOR, *Chairman*.

WILLIAM A. HALLOCK, *Cor. Secretary*.

New-York, Sept. 4, 1833.

## LETTER FROM GREECE.

An interesting communication has been received from Rev. J. J. Robertson, of the Protestant Episcopal Mission in Greece, dated *Athens, February 18, 1833*, from which it appears that the particular direction of the *press* is assigned to him, as that of the *schools* is to the Rev. Mr. Hill; and in which he expresses "his gladness and gratitude that the liberality of the American Tract Society is about to give increased efficiency to the *American Philhellenic Press of Athens*, and to demand of him renewed diligence in his Master's service."

After giving some details of the dispersion of Tracts in different quarters, he proceeds to remark on their *adaptation to be useful*, if judiciously selected and well translated, both by increasing the interest in the circulation of the Scriptures and inculcating their truths upon the heart and conscience.

The contest in Greece is not with paganism, but with what of man's device has been *superadded* to the Gospel, and is by multitudes embraced in its stead, and with that *disguised infidelity* which such a perversion has cherished. The Greek church, however, unlike that of Rome, is friendly to the distribution of the Bible and other means of religious knowledge. The truth of God is "quick and powerful;" and by diffusing it in its purity, the Holy Spirit, in answer to prayer, will bless it in scattering the mists of error, and in sanctifying the soul.

Mr. Robertson also urges the important consideration, that, "as education advances and superstition gives way, infidelity will constantly gain new victories, unless its influence be opposed by defenses of Christianity suited to the various habits of the human mind. Treatises and volumes of various descriptions will therefore be needed, adapted to gain the attention and impress the heart." The publication of a work of this character, chiefly extracted from the Bible, has just been commenced at the expense of the American Tract Society, entitled "*Robinson's Scripture Characters*."

The *Greek language* is spoken not only in Greece, but in many of the adjacent provinces of Turkey, the Ionian Islands, and various parts of Asia Minor, Syria, and Egypt. The whole number of the population is very variously estimated. In a small portion of Greece Proper, and a large portion of the North Western frontier, the Albanian dialect is used; but a wish is very prevalent that this barbarous uncultivated tongue may be wholly banished.

The *proportion of the population that can read* cannot be accurately estimated. It is not inconsiderable, and is very rapidly increasing. The female department of the Mission schools in Athens contains upwards of 300 children.

The present aspect of things, under the new government, is favorable to liberty and the diffusion of knowledge; and Mr. R. says, "I trust we shall be able very shortly to send our books not only to every corner of Greece, but wherever its language is spoken. The sales will not be great; and we shall have to depend in a great measure on *christian charity at home*. It is delightful to learn that Christians of our favored country have been moved to 'devise liberal things.' I shall not forget your kind proposition, but shall call on you, from time to time, as the demand here may warrant."

## THE BIBLE IN CHINESE.

A second edition has recently been printed at the Anglo-Chinese College, Malacca, from new blocks; a large and beautiful octavo, in 21 volumes.

Rev. Mr. Abeel informs that 80 Chinese Junks (trading vessels) visited Siam the last season, nearly thirty of which had sailed before his arrival there. "The remaining fifty," he says, "I had the privilege of furnishing with Scriptures and Tracts. With very few exceptions, they were well received. The Lord make them a part of the means which shall hasten the conversion of China."

In the same communication he warns the friends of Missions against any glorying ideas of *success already gained* in Siam—the strong holds of paganism there can scarcely be considered as yet assailed.

*Monthly Distribution with Christian Effort in New-York City.*

We are frequently asked whether the monthly distribution is continued in New-York. We answer it is, and with deeper interest to all those actively engaged in it, and manifestly with richer blessings from the Holy Spirit than ever before. There is evidence of several conversions the last month. But let it be observed, it is where the Tracts are accompanied by faithful Christian effort and prayer, and district prayer meetings are vigorously maintained, that the blessing has pre-eminently descended.

We doubt not that the churches throughout our whole land are called to labor in this manner for souls around them; and we as little doubt that God would crown their faithful labors with results which would cause Christians on earth and angels in heaven to rejoice.

## PREMIUM OF \$250 RENEWED.

The Committee appointed to award the premium of two hundred and fifty dollars, offered for the best Tract on "*the manner in which Christians should show the spirit of their Master, in labors and sacrifices for the conversion of the world,*" have examined all the manuscripts received, amounting to forty-one. Several of the most promising they have re-examined with care, and while they agree that they contain many excellent things, and are worthy of being published as Tracts, still they are unitedly and deliberately of the opinion that no one has so presented the important topic of consideration as to justify them in awarding to it the premium.

The Committee, with the consent of the donor of the \$250, therefore extend the time of presentation until the *first day of April, 1834*. And that the object of the Tract may be clearly apprehended, they insert the following extracts from the donor's letter.

"It is impossible (he says) for me to find language to express my sense of the importance of having a Tract written to 'bear directly upon the design and object for which the church exists.' I do wish that our ministers could be brought to look upon the slow progress of religion in the world in the same light as David did, when he exclaimed, 'O that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!' and I

ask where is the power of Christ to be seen but in his church? Through what channel are we to look for that flood of power which must and will come to pre-  
cede the Millennium, but through the church? Has the great Head of the church  
ever exerted his power through any other channel? And I ask again, is it possible  
for an individual or a church to be united to Christ, having his Spirit, without pro-  
ducing something, yea much, toward the conversion of the world? And can an  
individual be a *real Christian* that does not, to the utmost of his ability, *work* for  
the same object, the object for which Christ died? Is there not a spontaneous  
bursting forth of the soul which puts every faculty and power it has in motion in  
endeavoring to save a lost world? Are not that feeling and action the legitimate re-  
sult of every true conversion to Christ? My object is to have a Tract written  
which would *not admit of a hope without such fruit*. For as long as hope can be  
indulged without that spontaneous flow of soul after dying sinners which Christ  
and his apostles manifested, depend upon it the church will prove comparatively  
powerless upon the world, and in proportion to her numbers will her power be di-  
minished. We want something that will so powerfully commend itself to every  
man's conscience, that there shall be no such thing as getting away from it; so  
that every one may be deterred from enlisting who cannot stand the application of  
such a test; and that those already in the church, who find they have no heart to  
engage in the work of the Lord, may be induced to leave its ranks.

"It is impossible for me to see how the Millennium can come, until there first  
come a purgation of the church; and the design of this Tract is to produce that  
state of things in the church which must precede the Millennium. It is intended  
for clergymen as much as any other class, because they hold the keys of the church.  
It is to afford to them facilities in examining candidates, by applying successfully  
a *just test of discipleship to Christ*, and making it bear directly on the conscience.

"A Tract, as the Committee said in their former announcement, is needed on this  
subject which may be put into the hands of communicants universally, to show  
them what they were born for, and why they were born again—to show all church-  
members how and why and where they are to let their light shine before men—to  
be a manual to ministers in their preaching, and to all laborers in their teaching  
upon Christian duty in respect to the spread of the Gospel. A Tract of a *high  
Gospel standard* in regard to the *spirit* which a Christian should manifest; and  
*practical and pointed* in respect to the *various details of effort and self-denial* by  
which that spirit should be exercised. Such is the Tract desired by the donor of  
the premium, and greatly needed by the Christian public."

The Committee regret the delay which has taken place. This was  
very much owing to the fact that the members of the Committee were  
so distant from each other as to render it exceedingly difficult to se-  
cure a meeting.

The Committee would request that the manuscripts which may be  
forwarded be written in a *fair and legible hand*, as it is impracticable  
to judge properly of the sentiments when all the attention is required  
to spell out and decypher the writing.

Manuscripts may be addressed to *William A. Hallock, 150 Na-  
sau-street, New-York*, into whose hands those which have been ex-  
amined are placed. Each should be accompanied by the author's name,  
concealed under an envelope. As Bishop McIlvaine has removed to  
the West, the Examining Committee now are, by the appointment of  
the donor, the Rev. William Patton, Rev. Absalom Peters, D. D., and  
Arthur Tappan, Esq., of New-York, and Rev. Thomas H. Skinner,  
D. D., of Andover.

WM. PATTON, *Chairman.*

New-York, September 16, 1833.

[C] For other Premiums, see cover.

#### NEW PUBLICATIONS.

No. 235. WHAT IS A CALL TO THE MINISTRY? BY REV. JAMES D.

**KNOWLES, PROF. BAP. THEOL. SEM., NEWTON, MASS.**—pp. 20. Urging, in a serious and affectionate manner, calculated to interest pious young men, and give a proper direction to their minds, the necessity of sincere love to the Savior, a spirit of self-consecration to him, willingness to serve him in any station, sense of obligation to be in the highest degree useful, faithfulness in improving opportunities of usefulness already enjoyed, desire to enter the ministry, not for gain but to preach Christ, the opinion of ministers and others that it is duty to prepare for it, evidence of the internal call by the operation of the Holy Spirit on the heart, &c.

**No. 286. DYING TESTIMONY OF BELIEVERS AND UNBELIEVERS, COLLECTED FROM AUTHENTIC SOURCES.** By W. C. BROWNLEE, D. D.—pp. 32. After briefly referring to the Scripture narratives of the ungodly, a few pages are occupied with the dying scenes of infidels, from Julian the Apostate to the present day; in contrast with which is arrayed the dying testimony of about sixty of the godly; beginning with Christ, Paul, and the early martyrs, and selecting the most striking examples, down to Edwards, Whitefield, Dwight, Scott. Evarts, and Payson. The materials originally prepared have been much condensed by the author; the examples are all pertinent and striking. The Tract will be read with interest, and bears a forcible and decided testimony to the reality and excellence of the Christian religion.

**No. 287. FOUR REASONS AGAINST THE USE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.** By JOHN GRIDLEY, M. D., (now Agent of the American Tract Society in Ohio. pp. 16. 1. Their immense cost. 2. The inadequacy of any property they possess to impart the least benefit, alcohol being always the product of the second or vinous stage of *fermentation*, containing no nutriment, and being a poison. 3. It destroys both body and soul. 4. Any thing short of total abstinence exposes to all the fore-mentioned evils, by an unchanging *law of our natures*—the *law of stimulation*. The use of any quantity creates an excitement followed by a sinking proportioned to it, as uncontrollable as the flowing of the blood through the heart, and which inevitably leads to drunkenness and death.

#### ALLEINE'S ALARM.

**AN ALARM TO UNCONVERTED SINNERS, IN A SERIOUS TREATISE ON CONVERSION.** By JOSEPH ALLEINE. 168 pages, 18mo. Price in sheep 20 cents, cloth backs 12½. Showing what conversion is, and correcting mistakes respecting it—its necessity—marks of the unconverted—their miseries—directions to them—motives to conversion, with questions to the unconverted, and counsels for the converted. This work glows with the same burning love to souls, and vivid and awakening presentations of eternal things, as do the Call and Saints' Rest of Baxter, and is scarcely less impressive than either. It is almost universally known and appreciated by intelligent evangelical men. We believe that furnishing it to the hands of ministers and christians at this cheap rate is affording an essential aid in their means of usefulness.

*Labors of the late Mr. Jacob C. Mott, of New-York.*

The Christian Intelligencer contains in successive numbers, extracts from the Diary of this devoted Christian and faithful Tract Distributer, which it would be very gratifying to insert, did our limits permit. Mr. Mott's connexion with the Custom House gave him the most favorable opportunities of distribution, especially on the shipping, and he improved them with great perseverance and manifest usefulness.

## PAYMENT FOR TRACTS—SOUTHERN AND WESTERN STATES.

The Executive Committee of the American Tract Society, at a meeting, September 23, 1833, in view of the time unavoidably occupied in the transmission of publications to distant parts of the country,

"Resolved, That the credit of 60 days now given on drafts in payment for publications sold, be extended to three months in the Southern states, and to four months in the Western and South-Western states."

## RECEIPTS

## INTO THE TREASURY OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

*During the month ending September 15, 1833.*

## FROM AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETIES.

	For Tr.	Done.
MASS.—Boston, American Tract Society, John Tappan, Esq., Treasurer, 1,265 00		
Do. do. for Ceylon, \$1,500 do, for Miss A. B. C. F. M. in Slam, \$500		300000
RHODE-ISLAND.—Providence, Isaac Wilcox, Depositary, 60 00		
CONN.—Brooklyn, (Windham Co. Aux.) Edwin Newbury, Agent, 5 00		
Darien, Walter Whitney, Treasurer, 2 86		
Greenwich, Eabon Hussey, Secretary, 1 86		
Millford, Samuel Higby, Treasurer, 2 40		
New-Haven, J. L. Cross, Agent, 12 00		
New-London, Robert Colt, Treasurer, 30 87		
Norfolk, Female, Miss Sarah Battell, Treasurer, for Jackson, Jefferson, and German, Montgomery Co., Ohio, 40 13		
North-Stamford, R. Hoyt, Treasurer, 3 00		
Norwalk, Alfred Mallory, Treasurer, 1 50		
Norwich City, F. A. Perkins, Esq., Treasurer, 35 00		
Norwich, Female, Miss Sarah Backus, Secretary, 3 76		
Saybrook, 3d Society, Female, Mrs. A. F. Champlin, Secretary, 2 14		
Sharon, David Gould, Treasurer, 2 67		4 10
Winchester, James Beebe, Treasurer, 10 26		
NEW-YORK.—Bloomington, Sullivan Co., 150 86		
Brooklyn, L. I., Joseph Howard, Esq., Treasurer, 20 00		
Buffalo, James C. Meek, Treasurer, 2 78		
Bushwick, L. I., Female, Mrs. John Skillman, Treasurer, 23 00		
Catskill, Edgar B. Day, Esq., Treasurer, 5 25		
Clove, Ulster Co., Reformed Dutch Church, 5 12		
Corlandt, Robert Kirkwood, Treasurer, 1 63		
Platbush, Ulster Co., Solomon Hendricks, Secretary, 45		
Flatlands, Female, L. A. Van Niece, Treasurer, 6 63		6 67
Pine Place, in Brookhaven, L. I., John W. Bunce, Treasurer, 44		
Ghent, M. W. Wynkoop, Treasurer, 54		
Gravesend, Female, Mrs. S. G. Stryker, Treasurer, 2 40		
Hudson, Warren Rockwell, Treasurer, 4 28		
Jamaica, James Rider, Treasurer, 1 29		
Lower Greenburg, L. I., Joshua Odell, Secretary, 4 25		
Meredith, Samuel A. Law, Jun., Secretary, 72 71		
Montgomery, Orange Co., Ref. Dutch Ch., Rev. Robert P. Lee, Secretary,		

New-Palts, Ulster Co., Rev. D. Van Olinda, Treasurer,	1 47	
New-Prospect, Ulster Co., Female, Miss Mary Van Kuren, Treasurer,	3 76	
New-Village, L. I., Samuel A. Hawkins, Secretary,	3 44	
New-Windsor, Rev. James H. Thomas, Treasurer,	3 84	
Oyster Ponds, L. I.,	4 70	
Patterson, Putnam Co., E. Hayt, Secretary,	2 08	
Peekskill, William D. Everson, Secretary,	9 00	
Rye, Female, Miss Susan Doggett, Secretary,	2 14	
Sag-Harbor, Marcus B. Osborn, Treasurer,	3 00	
Tarrytown, John A. See, Superintendent,	5 08	
Tombkinsville, Female, Mrs. Miller, Treasurer,	7 33	
Union, Broome Co.,	5 20	
Upper Greenburg, Female,	2 07	
Walden, J. B. Ten Eyck,	1 76	
Yorktown, Simeon B. Johnson, Treasurer,	1 30	
NEW JERSEY.—Baakenridge, Horace Sheldon, Secretary,	5 00	
Greenwich, Warren Co., Female, Mary Robbins, Treasurer,	8 76	11 25
Harlingen, Female, Mary Skillman, Treasurer,	2 00	1 00
Mendham, Female, Mrs. Johnson, Secretary,	8 28	
Millstone, Female, Mrs. F. Staats, Treasurer,	9 04	
Perth Amboy, Female, Mrs. Margaret Maurice, Treasurer,	80	
Plainfield, Female, Catharine Bond, Secretary,	2 20	
Pompton Plains, Female, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Treasurer,	2 56	
Princeton, Theol. Sem., George T. Todd, Treasurer,	14 00	
Shrewsbury, Female, Miss Ann Little, Treasurer,	5 00	
Trenton, Mrs. Julietta Rice, Cor. Sec., (for. dis.)		30 00
Upper Freehold,	90	
Washington, Morris Co., Phebe S. Miller, Treasurer,	4 30	
Westfield, Female, Miss Mary Pierson, Secretary,	4 75	
VIRGINIA.—Winchester, Daniel Gold, Treasurer,	57 17	
NORTH-CAROLINA.—Brown Marsh, Female, Miss C. Campbell, Secretary,	4 00	
Elizabethtown, Bladen Co., Mrs. Jane Wright, Secretary,	7 47	
SOUTH CAROLINA.—Beaufort, J. J. Smith, Agent,	17 82	
KENTUCKY.—Danville, Michael G. Youce, Agent,	35 85	
OHIO.—Brownhelm, (for. dis.)		10 43
Brighton, (for. dis.)		1 50
Carlisle, (for. dis.)		5 07
Cincinnati, Henry B. Funk, Treasurer,	1 85	
Nelson, Portage Co., (for. dis.)		8 00
Randolph, do. (for. dis.)		2 88
Wellington, (for. dis.)		5 37
UPPER CANADA.—Brookville, Leeds Co., Mrs. Philana Smart, Secretary,	14 00	

## SOCIETIES NOT AUXILIARY.

CONNECTICUT.—East Windsor, Female Tract Society,		9 22
NEW-YORK.—Liberty, Sullivan Co.,	1 00	
Middle Island, William Sidney Smith, Treasurer,	5 12	
Triangle, Female Tract Society, Mrs. Jerusha Woodruff, Treasurer,	4 00	
Vernon Centre, Young People's Tract Society, Frederick F. Allen, Sec.,		4 00
ALABAMA.—Springfield, Greene Co., Tract Society,	2 31	
NEWFOUNDLAND.—St. John's, Temperance Society, by Archdeacon Mix,		6 00
Tracts sold at the Depository to individuals, including \$268 18 from traveling Agents, and \$9 for use of room,	544 71	

## Directors for Life.

CONN.—Sharon, David Gould, (in full of \$50.)	10 00	
NEW-YORK.—East-Hampton, Nathaniel Gardiner, (in full of \$50.)	46 00	
Genova, Rev. Henry Dwight,	125 00	
Ithaca, Rev. A. M. Mann, by his church and congregation, (in part of \$50.)	36 83	
Montgomery, Orange Co., Ref. Dut. Church, (in part of \$50.)	11 40	
Scotchtown, Rev. Methuselah Baldwin, by his church and congregation, (in part of \$50.)	47 82	
West-Hampton, Rev. John R. Moser, by Female Cent Society, \$11 88; church and cong., \$33 12, (in part of \$50.)	45 00	
N. JER.—Chatham, Rev. Joseph M. Ogden, by his ch. and cong. in full of \$50.,	20 00	
Perth Amboy, Matthias Bruen, Esq.	20 00	
Rahway, Job Squire,	50 00	
Rahway, Rev. Thomas L. Janeway by Mr. Job Squire,		50 00
VIR.—Mayaville, P. O., Buckingham Co., Rev. J. S. Armstead, (in part of \$50.)		46 50
KENN.—Lexington, Rev. Robert Davidson, by ladies of his church and congregation,		50 00
OHIO.—Bloomington, Rev. William Diekey, by his church and cong. (in full of \$50.)		30 00

## Members for Life.

MASS.—Lincoln, Rev. Ebenezer Newhall, by ladies of his church and congregation,	20 00
CONN.—Kensington Society, Berlin, Mrs. Martha Robbins, by church and congregation,	20 00
Do. do. Miss Frances Wright,	20 00
Do. do. Miss Sally Hopkins,	20 00
New-London, George Wilson, by his grandmother, Mrs. Fox,	20 00
Wethersfield, Mrs. Abigail Winslip,	20 00



Worthington Society, in Berlin, Rev. Ambrose Edson, by church and congregation, . . . . .	20 00
Do. do. Mrs. Ambrose Edson, by Sabbath School, . . . . .	20 00
NEW-YORK.—Harpendens Corners, Yates Co., Rev. L. W. Billington, by his church and congregation, (in part of \$20.) . . . . .	8 56
Lyons, Rev. Lucas Hubbell, by his church and congregation, . . . . .	24 50
Waterford, John Maxwell, . . . . .	20 00
Yorktown, Rev. J. B. Loring, by Aux. Tract Society, Yorktown, . . . . .	20 00
N. JER.—Belleville, Miss Elizabeth H. Brant, by a friend, . . . . .	20 00
Connecticut Farms, Mrs. Mary Ann Brown, by a friend, . . . . .	20 00
Morristown, J. W. Cortelyou, by members of Presb. Ch. . . . .	20 00
Do. Richard W. Sutes, . . . . .	20 00
MARYLAND.—Fredericktown, Mrs. Sally Baltzell, by Geo. Barnhart, Winchester, Va., (in full of \$20.) . . . . .	10 00
VIR.—Langhorn's Tavern P. O., Cumberland Co., Dr. John Spencer, (in part of \$20.) . . . . .	2 00
Winchester, Mrs. Elizabeth Little, by Mr. James Little, (in part of \$20.) . . . . .	5 00
OHIO.—Bellfontain, Rev. Joseph Stevenson, by his church and cong. . . . .	20 00
Bloomington, Mrs. Rebecca Dickey, by Presbyterian church and cong., (for dis.) . . . . .	20 00
Do. Col. James Stewart, . . . . .	27 50
Circleville, William Foresman, (in part of \$20.) . . . . .	8 00
Springfield, Rev. J. S. Galloway, by Ladies of Presb. church and cong., (for dis.) . . . . .	20 00
Urbana, Rev. David Merrills, by Presb. church and cong. . . . .	20 00
Yellow Springs, Rev. A. W. Poage, by Presb. church and congregation, (for dis.) . . . . .	26 05
<b>Annual Member.</b>	
NEW-YORK.—New-York City, Mrs. Helen Noe, . . . . .	2 00
<b>Other Donations.</b>	
CONN.—Colchester, a Friend to the Tract cause, . . . . .	3 00
Kensington Society, in Berlin, . . . . .	10 00
Lebanon, a Friend, . . . . .	2 00
New-Canaan, Mrs. Rachael Weed, . . . . .	2 00
Rocky Hill, in Wethersfield, Society of Rev. C. Chapin, D. D. . . . .	32 53
Wethersfield, Society of Rev. Dr. Tenney, . . . . .	31 50
Worthington, Society in Berlin, . . . . .	11 76
NEW-YORK.—Ballstown, (Burnt Hills P. O.) Saratoga Co., Elder Harris' Church, . . . . .	4 79
Catakill, a Friend, . . . . .	2 50
Charlton, congregation of Rev. Mr. Glancey, . . . . .	25 29
Genesee Co., a Friend, . . . . .	5 00
Middletown, Dr. David Hanford, . . . . .	5 00
New-York City, St. George's Church, Association for the promotion of Christianity, B. L. Woolley, Esq. Treasurer, . . . . .	100 00
Do. First Free Presbyterian Church, Day street, per Ambrose S. Ludlow, . . . . .	22 10
Do. Benevolent Association Male Sunday School No. 25, . . . . .	88
Do. M. T., . . . . .	2 00
Do. Mrs. Jane Downie, . . . . .	50

Patchogue, individuals, (for dis.) . . . . .	4 21
Port Byron, . . . . .	1 12
South Canton, individuals, . . . . .	4 00
Trumansburg, Tompkins Co., Presb. cong., . . . . .	50 00
Waterford, congreg. of Rev. Reuben Smith, . . . . .	31 00
West-Rutland, Henry Allen, . . . . .	1 00
N. JER.—Burlington, Thomas Alkman, for Flavel on Keeping the Heart, \$2 50, for dis. \$2 50, . . . . .	5 00
Chatham, Presb. church and cong., . . . . .	3 00
Flanders, Morris Co.'s female friend, . . . . .	3 00
Harlingen, Somerset Co., Ref. Dutch Church, . . . . .	22 54
Metuchin, Middlesex Co., Rev. Mr. Hunt's Soc., . . . . .	25 26
Morristown, Presb. Church, . . . . .	44 00
Do. Juvenile Society, Miss Mann's School, \$5 of which for Burmah, . . . . .	8 00
New Shannock, Rev. Gabriel Ludlow's Society, . . . . .	44 50
Perth Amboy, Presb. Church, . . . . .	4 75
Rahway, Presb. Society, . . . . .	34 92
Readingtown, (North Branch) church and congregation of Rev. A. D. Wilson, . . . . .	10 03
VIRGINIA.—Cairo P. O. Cumberland Co., Mrs. Maria Thornton, (for dis.) . . . . .	5 00
Do. do. a Friend, (for dis.) . . . . .	1 05
Buckingham Co., Mrs. M. Brome, \$1; John May, (for dis.) 25 cents; Leroy Davidson, (for dis.) 12 cts; Mrs. W. Perkins, (for dis.) \$5, . . . . .	4 28
Warrenton, Faquire Co., Rev. Geo. Lemmon, . . . . .	5 00
Winchester, Mrs. Maria Brome, (for Burmah,) . . . . .	5 00
TENN.—Hopewell, Jefferson Co. Ch., (for dis.) . . . . .	10 00
Tazewell, H. Graham, . . . . .	57
OHIO.—Cash, (for dis.) . . . . .	50
James Fringle, 31 cts; Miss Catherine S. Duval, (for dis.) 50 cents, . . . . .	81
Bloomington, individuals, . . . . .	7 50
Buck Creek, Champaign Co., Presb. church and cong., (for dis.) . . . . .	19 27
Chillicothe, Nathaniel Sawyer, Esq., (for dis.) . . . . .	5 00
Do. a Friend, (for dis.) . . . . .	5 00
Do. Col. Brush, do. . . . .	25
Do. sundry individuals, (for dis.) . . . . .	9 18
Ravenna, Lucius C. Rouse, Agent A. T. S., (for dis.) . . . . .	5 00
Springfield, Miss Ann Maria Brubaker, . . . . .	25
Wellington, Rev. J. Talcott, (for dis.) . . . . .	5 00
Worthington, Miss H. Everest, (for dis.) 50 cents; Miss F. Parmelee, (for dis.) 25 cents, . . . . .	75
Yellow Springs, collection from visitors, . . . . .	10 25
MICH. TER.—Port Winnebago, Ladies' Benevolent Soc., for Premium Tract, . . . . .	30 00

The above list contains donations—  
 For the Valley of the Mississippi, . . . \$40 13  
 For Foreign Distribution, (including \$10 for Burmah, \$1,500 for Ceylon, and \$500 for Siam,) . . . 2,169 00

Whole amount of donations, . . . 4,018 28  
 Received for Tracts sold, . . . 5,024 05  
 Total, . . . 7,042 33

# THE AMERICAN Tract Magazine.

---

VOL. IX.      NOVEMBER, 1833.      NO. 11.

---

## MEETING OF GENTLEMEN IN NEW-YORK, IN BEHALF OF THE TRACT CAUSE.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Tract Society, in connection with gentlemen from the city, was held at the Society's house, on Saturday evening, Oct. 26, to consider the claims of our own, and especially of foreign and pagan lands.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. Sommers, the Rev. Dr. Milnor, Chairman of the Committee, stated, as an occasion of thanks to God, that the present meeting was not called for the purpose of relieving the Society from pecuniary embarrassment, but to adopt means for extending its usefulness. At the last meeting of the Finance Committee, the Treasury was short of meeting bills sanctioned, by only the sum of \$173 57.

It was well known to the meeting, that in June last, the Committee determined that it was their duty to attempt to make the following foreign appropriations during the Society's current year: viz. for Burmah \$3,500; China \$2,000; Siam \$1,000; Ceylon \$1,800; Bombay \$1,000; Oriassa \$300; Sandwich Islands \$1,500; Syria \$500; Episcopal Mission, Greece, \$800; other missions in Greece, \$800; Smyrna \$300; Turkey and Armenia, including 500 for Jews, \$2,000; Germany \$500; Russia \$1,200; France, &c. \$1,700; Moravian Brethren \$500; Aborigines of our own country \$600. Total \$20,000

Of this sum there had already been received from the Branch Tract Society in Baltimore, \$1,000; from the Branch American Tract Society, Boston, \$2,300; from other sources nearly \$1,700; all which had been remitted, amounting to nearly

5,000

Remaining to be raised for foreign distribution, \$15,000

The expense for supplying the destitutions of our own country, in gratuitous distributions, and supporting Agents to carry out the plans of the Society, would be not far from

\$10,000 for the present year, or for the time yet to elapse before the Society's next anniversary, . . . . . \$5,000

The Society could not fulfill its various obligations previous to the next anniversary, without at least . . . . . \$20,000

The members of the Committee were willing gratuitously to labor, and also to give; but the work could not go vigorously forward without the liberal contributions of others, and they were happy to believe that public sentiment had even anticipated the movements of the Society, and that the friends of the cause were prepared to act.

Rev. Mr. EASTMAN, the Visiting Secretary, gave a brief view of the Society's efforts for the destitute of our own country. These were as purely *benevolent* as efforts for Burmah or China. Large portions of the country would never be supplied unless Agents were sent to awaken Christians to effort. There were fields demanding the labors of *thirty* such Agents, and *fifteen* are now laboriously employed. Their work was truly arduous and self-denying. It was their object, by public preaching and all practicable means, to call forth the energies of the people of God for the supply of the whole population to whom they have access with Tracts, accompanied by prayer and other Christian efforts. God has blessed their labors. Two of them have been instrumental in circulating not far from 4,000,000 pages of Tracts. Another has introduced the monthly distribution by loan into nearly half the families in fifteen counties; and in some instances the same Tract has visited twenty families. Others labor where there are few ministers or active Christians; indifference to the claims of the Gospel prevails, and not unfrequently decided hostility to the benevolent movements of the day. Such Agents must not only be sustained by the Society, but a large portion of the Tracts they circulate must be grants.

"Among these mountains," says one of the Agents, "I have found hundreds who had never seen a Tract, and did not know what I meant by the word *Tract*. They flocked to meetings, and apparently listened with deep solicitude to hear the Gospel of Christ; and when I came to distribute a few Tracts among them, they crowded around me with great eagerness, and those who could not read, invariably promised to get some person to read the Tracts for them. Many professors of religion here no more believe it their duty to contribute for the support of the Gospel ministry, than to hang themselves."

Another says, "In this county, of 17,000 inhabitants, I was assured there are not twenty families who maintain family worship. There is no place of preaching where the appointments occur oftener than once in three weeks; and some of these are places where articles are carried for sale on the Sabbath. One Sabbath, when I was returning from a sacramental meeting with the preacher, we fell in company

with another preacher, who had been at the same meeting. One of them being a farmer, and the other a wagon-maker, they stopped on the road, examined the wagon, and made a bargain for repairing it. The Temperance reform is now commencing here, and *some of the churches dobar from church privileges such persons as join the Temperance Society.* I have embraced every opportunity to explain the principles of the Tract Society in public assemblies, and to individuals; and have distributed very many Tracts from house to house, and wherever I have found people gathered together in court-yards, horse-races, and for preaching."

The question now before the Society, is whether Agents shall be sustained in these destitute fields, or whether they shall be left uncultivated, to grow up to briars and thorns. If the expense incurred, and the obstacles to be encountered, stand in the way of the operations of this Society, the same difficulties must be met by all other Institutions; and years may roll away, and generations pass into eternity, and there be no change for the better. Our only hope is to persevere, and look to God for his blessing.

*Letter from Rev. Dr. Alexander, of Princeton.*

Dr. Alexander having been expected to be present, but being unavoidably detained, an interesting letter was read from him on the subject of the meeting.

"I am deeply convinced," he says, "that the time has arrived when the friends of the Redeemer are called upon to make more vigorous exertions than ever before in extending the knowledge of salvation to the ends of the earth. There never was a time when God, in his providence, had so opened the door of effectual operation among the heathen, in all quarters of the world, as at the present. Funds were never so valuable as they are at this time; and *they* are happy to whom God has committed many talents, and to whom he has given a heart to occupy them for the advancement of his cause and glory. Every person who loves the Lord Jesus should strive by all lawful means to acquire something to expend in this holy cause; and no Christian ought, in this day, to think of accumulating property for any other purpose than for the promotion of Christ's kingdom. The Master *needs* now all that his disciples have it in their power to give. The hundreds of millions of the heathen who are perishing for lack of knowledge, call for our exertions, and our liberal charities.

"I was greatly struck with Dr. Morrison's letter. It appears that at least one third of the population of the globe read the Chinese character; and the same books are understood by natives whose spoken language is entirely different. Hitherto Christians seemed to be shut out of this immense field; this vast empire seemed indeed to be surrounded by an insurmountable barrier. But this brazen wall, it is found, may be passed; Tracts have already found their way into the heart of China, and possibly into the very palace of the august

emperor. And let it be remembered, that in this conquest, Tracts must be the pioneers. These can find their way and accomplish much where the living preacher cannot go, and where the Bible would not be received. Let no one suppose that the Missionary and the Bible supersede the necessity of Tracts. The way for the introduction of these appointed means of salvation is often prepared by the circulation of Tracts; and these contain the very same truths which are revealed in the Bible, and the same matter which the living preacher proclaims. The truth is God's instrument for the conversion and sanctification of men; and it matters little how this is conveyed to the mind; if attended by the Holy Spirit, it is able to make men wise unto salvation, whether heard from the lips of a preacher, or read in an evangelical Tract. And even where the Bible is possessed, and the Gospel constantly preached, Tracts may be eminently useful, as daily experience teaches. And surely it is, of all methods of communicating religious knowledge, the most economical. In thousands of cases you may freely scatter Tracts where it would not be expedient to give a Bible. It ought not to be objected, that a large portion of the Tracts which are circulated are never read, and consequently produce no effect. If one in a thousand is read with profit, there is a rich compensation for all the expense incurred.

"I sincerely hope and pray that the great Master of assemblies may be remarkably in the midst of your meeting; and that he may graciously grant to all present hearts which will prompt them to devise liberal things! 'Work,' says our Lord, 'while it is day.' The door which is now so widely opened may soon be closed if Christians neglect to improve the opportunity."

The Chairman then read extracts of letters addressed to the Society from abroad.

The Secretary of the *Paris Tract Society* informed that the former donation from this Society and that at Boston had been applied not only to the circulation of Tracts, but of the *Saints' Rest*, which has been translated into French; that the friends of the Tract cause are increasing in France, and are not only active in *distributing* Tracts, but accompany them with their own *personal efforts and prayers*. Many pious and zealous men go out as *colporteurs* to vend Tracts, and make them an introduction to religious conversation, and visit again and again those on whom some serious impressions have been made.

A letter from *Rev. Mr. Wade*, the Burman Missionary now in this country, stated that when Mr. Bennett, the printer, first arrived in Burmah, it was a question how many of the Tract and Catechism, which were then prepared, would be needed for distribution while the New Testament should be in the press; and they decided on 600. But the type were scarcely distributed before the edition was taken off. They then printed 2,000 of these and a new Tract; but they were distributed as fast as they could be stitched and trimmed. The

New Testament was again delayed to print 10,000 of the several Tracts. But while some were printing, others were distributed and gone; and new editions were printed of 20,000 copies! Thus the printing of the New Testament was delayed about three years by the constantly increasing demand for Tracts.

During several months which Mr. Wade spent at Rangoon, the press for Tracts was frequently so great that he was obliged to close his doors, and dispense them to the crowd from his window.

A few months before he left the country a bundle of Burman Tracts was carried into the mountainous regions of the *Karens*, who have been preserved from idolatry, and have a tradition that the white foreigners will some day bring them the Gospel. Understanding that these books gave an account of the true God, and being unable to read the Burman language, they cut them up and distributed them in small portions of a few lines each, which they carefully laid up in their houses, as an earnest that they should, ere long, obtain more, and that in their own language.

Letters from *St. Petersburg, Russia*, stated that the Society's previous remittance came at a moment when it seemed indispensable to their progress; and presented very urgent appeals in behalf of the millions of that vast empire.

From *Ceylon* it was stated that 22 of the 203 native members of the churches, on one occasion, went into a neighboring village distributing Tracts from house to house. Each Tract was enclosed in a circular letter from the missionaries, which they read. They visited 131 families, and delivered 80 Tracts to persons *able to read and willing to receive them*. Many, especially females, thus received the message of the Gospel for the first time; and with a few exceptions, they were treated with great civility. In this manner they have pervaded all the villages around Batticotta.

A letter from *Rev. Dr. Morrison, China*, confirmed the fact that those who *speak dialects unintelligible to each other, read the same language*; and states that the five *Chinese-language nations*, China, Corea, Japan, Loochoo, and Cochin-China, "*contain probably much more than one-third of the population of the globe.*" The Chinese have used the press for at least *seven hundred years*, (300 years longer than Europeans.) The ethics of Confucius and Buddhism, also were diffused in China through the press. Schools and the press are the only means. It has not been the usage to have public lectures or preaching.

A letter from *Rev. Charles Gutzlaff, Missionary in China*, was received the day before the meeting, in which he says "the demand is

so great we should be happy to circulate *millions of Tracts*," and appeals to American Christians for pecuniary assistance.

The Rev. Dr. McAULEY then addressed the meeting. He would state another incident concerning China. The Emperor had sent to Mr. Gutzlaff for Christian Tracts, for his own examination. His object we do not know; but what we want is to get truth before the mind, depending on the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

In view of all the intelligence now laid before the meeting, said Dr. McAuley, who can but thank God and take courage? It seemed as if, in the providence of God, we were now made the centre of the world; intelligence was flowing in upon us from the East and the West, and the North and the South. Who would have thought it possible that bands of native converts should be going out as Agents of this Society, to distribute Tracts in Ceylon, where the missionaries were at first denied access—that Gutzlaff should be making his voyages for distributing the word of life on the coast of China, and Abeel pursuing the same work in Siam? The missionary from Bombay, Mr. Allen, who came to this country, expecting to remain, on finding Christians awake to supply the pagan world with Bibles and Tracts, embarked immediately, to devote another four years to the printing and distribution. Thus the liberality of the churches reacts upon the missionary, and the work goes forward with a double impulse.

Who could have anticipated what we witness this night, when laying the foundation of this Society with trembling, eight years ago? When the monthly distribution of Tracts, accompanied by prayer and effort, was commenced in this country, little did we think that *colporteurs in France* would so soon be imitating our example.

We have been called to encounter difficulties, but the greatest is the contraction of our hearts. But little as our faith is, God's mercy is not little. It was a great mercy to hear all these calls, as from Macedonia, "Come over and help us," and from missionaries who are tried men, acquainted with the native languages, and qualified to prepare Tracts. Was not the Spirit of God moving on the hearts of the Karens when they sacredly retained each a part of a leaf, as a pledge that the white foreigner shall send them the knowledge of God? Was it not God who moved the heart of the Russian Bishop and Archbishop to undertake the translation of the *Saints' Rest*, and Call to the Unconverted? Was not God's hand in the crumbling of superstition in France? Will he not in a little while cause her present infidelity to give place to the pure Gospel of his Son?

If there ever was a time, said Dr. McA. when God called us to go forward, it is now. He had never seen, in the cause of Sunday schools,

er of the Bible, or Foreign Missions, or Education, or Tracts, a louder call for every effort we can make. It does seem that the day star is risen; the morning light breaking; and that ere long we shall see the Sun of Righteousness shining in his glory.

Mr. WILDER expressed his cordial concurrence in what had been said, but would not add, for fear of diminishing the impression.

Mr. MOSES ALLEN then rose to propose the resolution below. He felt that this was a solemn place. He had marked the finger of God in this Society ever since he sat with five brethren, almost 9 years ago, around a little table, when with beating hearts they asked God to direct what they could do to bless the world with Tracts. All of them were yet living and still laboring in this cause. He wished to sit in the dust because he had done so little. What a voice had we heard to-night! He felt that we had ground for the utmost encouragement. We were laboring *for God*. He held all hearts—when the facts were made known the churches will contribute. A perishing world is calling on us. With eternity in our eye, he trusted we should adopt the resolution and sustain it by our cheerful and liberal offerings.

*“Resolved, That in view of the facts and statements now presented, this meeting are deeply impressed that it is the duty of the Executive Committee of this Society vigorously to prosecute their efforts, both in behalf of our own country and of foreign and pagan lands; and that it is very desirable the sum of at least \$20,000 should be raised during the remainder of the Society's current year; and that a subscription be now opened with reference to this object.”*

The resolution was unanimously adopted, and \$2,770 in a few moments subscribed by twenty-four individuals. It was also

*“Resolved, That, in the opinion of this meeting, it is very desirable that the objects now before this Society should be presented to the churches of this city and of our land, and that a prompt and vigorous co-operation should be given by all the friends of this cause.”*

---

### QUERIES PROPOSED BY DR. ALEXANDER,

*In reference to Tract operations abroad.*

1. Ought not the *love of Christ and his kingdom* to be the governing motive with every Christian?
2. Will not this motive, in proportion as it is felt, induce every one to make exertions to advance his kingdom, and thus promote the glory of God in the world?
3. Is there any way by which this object can so effectually be ac-



completed, as by extending *the knowledge of the truth* throughout the whole earth ?

4. Is there not a *crisis* in things of this kind, when much may be done by seasonable and energetic exertions ; which, if it be suffered to pass without improvement, may not return for ages ; just as if the seasons of seed-time and harvest be neglected, we labor in vain during the remainder of the year ?

5. Is there not good reason to think that the age in which we live is such a time ? that Providence has now furnished the church with such facilities for operation, and opened such a door of usefulness, especially among the heathen nations, that we shall be greatly wanting in duty to our Master, if we do not endeavor to avail ourselves of these opportunities of doing good, which were never so abundantly afforded to any other age ?

6. Is it not evident that the distribution of evangelical Tracts is one of the most effectual methods of disseminating *THE TRUTH OF GOD* ; and has not the blessing which has hitherto attended this enterprise, both in Christian and heathen lands, warranted the conclusion that it is one of God's chosen means for the accomplishment of his purposes and predictions relating to the conversion of the world ?

7. The prosecution of this object obstructs no other benevolent operation, but is a necessary auxiliary to all others ; while, then, other Societies, as particularly Bible Societies and Missionary Societies, are engaged in making extraordinary exertions, ought not the Tract Society also to move forward with renewed zeal and enlarged plans of operation ?

8. Can the genuine disciples of Christ, who possess the means of promoting this cause, hold back, when so loud a call is addressed to them from almost every quarter of the globe for the bread of life ?

9. Ought not mercantile enterprises now to be entered on for the very purpose of making gain to be applied to the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom ? And should not those whose efforts to increase their property God has signally blessed, make a free-will offering of a portion of their profits to his service ?


10. Would not the consecration of first-fruits, redemption for the first-born, and tithes laid upon the altar of God, probably bring down a blessing on all their possessions ?

11. When a contest is going on in our minds between selfishness and benevolence, is it not the part of wisdom to lean to the side of benevolence ?

12. When was it known that any man was impoverished by giving to the Lord ? And if the time should come when men shall become poor by giving all their goods to promote the cause of Christ, will they not become infinitely rich by such a blessed poverty ?

13. Is not the time for doing any thing in this cause short ? Ought we not therefore to work while it is called *to-day* ? Is it not certain that we shall never have another life upon earth ? ought we not, therefore, to do the best we can with the talents committed to us, that when our Lord shall come to reckon with us, he may say, "*Well done, good and faithful servants !*"

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

 The Four Reasons against Intemperance, announced in our last number, is Tract No. 288.

No. 287. THE GENERAL'S WIDOW. A TRUE NARRATIVE. BY W. C. BROWNLEE, D. D.—pp. 32. The General was a man of wealth, who resided in a beautiful and picturesque valley in New-Jersey, within the congregation of the late Rev. Dr. Finley; but he died an Infidel, and left a widow and sons cherishing his errors. The Tract details conversations held with her, and the arguments by which she was led to receive the Bible as a revelation from God; to see that she was ruined by sin; and cordially to embrace Jesus Christ as her only and all-sufficient Redeemer. The Tract is written with great sprightliness and force, and is a valuable accession to the Society's publications.

No. 289. TO A LADY IN FASHIONABLE LIFE.—pp. 8. Written by Rev. ANSEL D. EDDY, Canandaigua, N. Y.; very forcibly illustrating the injurious and corrupting moral influence of *Dancing Assemblies* and the *Theatre*; showing how hazardous the former are to the purity of the young, and the tide of irremediable ruin which flows from the latter. It is a Tract which should be placed in the hands of all mothers in cities and towns where either of these amusements are prevalent.

No. 290. THE BOLD BLASPHEMER. A NARRATIVE OF FACTS.—pp. 8. This is a striking narrative, written by the wife of a Missionary in the Choctaw nation, exhibiting the character of a man hardening himself in cursing and blasphemy against the warnings of friends, the chastisements of heaven, and even the prospect of death; but at the last, sending for the pious friend he had spurned from his bed-side, and imploring his counsel and intercessions, saying, in despair, that "he could not pray—it was too late—too late." A solemn warning to sinners, especially to the profane.

## FLAVEL ON KEEPING THE HEART.

This invaluable treatise is founded on the text, "Keep thy heart with all diligence," &c. showing what it is to keep the heart, and why this should be the great business of life—in prosperity, in adversity, in Zion's troubles, times of public danger, of outward want, of duty, when we receive injuries, meet with great trials, in temptation, in spiritual darkness, in sufferings for religion, sickness and the approach of death. To the thoughtless individual, this work may have little attraction; but to him who would truly keep his heart, and know whether he is indeed a child of God, it promises invaluable benefit. It is equally characterized by the melting tenderness of the author's heart, and his keen discrimination of character, and detection of those secret windings whereby a "deceitful heart" may "turn men aside."

## NEW PREMIUMS OFFERED.

*Tract on Supplying the World with the Bible.*

The Rev. William S. Plumer, of Petersburg, Va., has authorized the undersigned to offer a premium of 50 dollars for the best approved Tract, of not less than 12 pages, nor more than 24, on the subject of "*supplying the accessible population of the whole world with the Word of God within a definite period.*" Examining Committee—Rev. James Milnor, D. D., Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., and Rev. S. H. Cone, of New-York. Each manuscript should be accompanied with a sealed envelope containing the name of the writer, and is to be at the disposal of the Committee, if denied for publication. The manuscripts may be addressed until January 1, 1834, (post paid,) to

WILLIAM A. HALLOCK,  
150 Nassau-street, New-York.

*Tract for Union of effort among Christians.*

A friend in North Carolina, through Rev. William S. Plumer, of Petersburg, Va., offers a premium of 50 dollars for the best approved Tract of from 12 to 24 pages, showing "*the importance of a closer union in heart, effort and prayer, among the several branches of the church of Christ in the great work of evangelizing the world.*" Committee of award—Rev. James Milnor, D. D., Rev. Thomas McAuley, D. D., and Rev. S. H. Cone. The manuscripts, each accompanied by the author's name in a sealed envelope, may be addressed (post paid) until February 1, 1834, to

WILLIAM A. HALLOCK,  
150 Nassau-street, New-York.

*Premium Tract for Soldiers.*

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of Fort Winnebago, Michigan Territory, have placed in the hands of the undersigned the sum of *thirty dollars*, as a premium for the best approved Tract for *soldiers*, which shall be presented on or before February 1st, 1834. "It is hoped that the religious wants of this long neglected class of men may excite ministers, and other friends of Christ, to write for their benefit. Committee of award—Rev. William McMurray, D. D., and Rev. William Jackson, of New-York, and Rev. J. Spencer, of Brooklyn. Manuscripts, each accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the name of the writer, may be addressed (post paid) to

WILLIAM A. HALLOCK,  
150 Nassau-street, New-York.

## RECEIPTS

## INTO THE TREASURY OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

*During the month ending October 15, 1833.*

## FROM AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETIES.

	For Tr.	Done.
VER.—Burlington, H. W. Catlin, Secretary,	80	
Corwall, S. F. Haskell, Treasurer,	2 23	15 23
Middlebury, E. Brewster, Agent,	3 77	
MASS.—Monroe, Female, Miss Olivia Flint, Secretary,	3 00	3 00
New-Marlborough, (North Society,) Harby Goodwin, Treasurer,	4 00	
CONN.—Chester, Female, Sarah Stillman, Secretary,	2 23	
Durham, Female,	2 23	
Greenwich, William Smith, Treasurer,	2 75	

Hánden, (Mount Carmel Society,) Stephen Hubbell, Agent.	100 00	21 00
Harford, Connecticut Branch, Charles Houser, Secretary,	2 50	
Ridgefield, J. A. Scott, Treasurer,	2 00	4 00
Salisbury, Female, Miss Mary Chittenden, Treasurer,	2 00	4 00
Scotland in Windsor, Mrs. William B. Sprague, Secretary,	1 00	2 00
South Britain, Female, Mrs. Eliza J. Canfield, Treasurer,	2 00	
Stratford, Asa Curtis, Treasurer,	3 74	
Watertown, Benjamin De Forest, Agent,		
Winchester, James Bebee, Treasurer,	77 50	
<b>N. YORK.</b> —Albany, Central Branch, D. McKercher, Secretary,	5 00	
Almond, Allegheny Co. Stephen Major, Treasurer,	2 00	
Apothia South, Dutchess Co., Female, Catharine Reed, Secretary,	3 25	
Apothegne, L. I.	2 19	
Brighthampton, L. I., Rev. Amos Francis, President,	3 00	
Bullhock, Orange Co., John E. Brewster, Treasurer,	3 00	
Bushwick, L. I., Female, Mrs. John Skillman, Treasurer,	4 65	
Carmel, Putnam Co., M. L. Raymond, Treasurer,	3 00	
Coldenham in Montgomery, Orange Co., James B. Ten Eyck, Agent,	4 00	
Delhi, Delaware Co., Female, Miss Sarah Leal, Treasurer,	5 00	
Fishkill Landing, Miss M. W. Teller, Secretary,	2 00	
Flatlands, Female, Mrs. L. A. Van Noyce, Treasurer,	2 00	
Florida, Orange Co., Dr. H. K. Chapman, Secretary,	5 00	
Port Miller, Washington Co., Ezekiah Hubbard, Treasurer,	4 40	
Goshen, Orange Co., Dr. J. S. Crane, Treasurer,	1 00	
New-Rochelle, Female, Miss Sophia Brewster, Secretary,	80	
New-Utrecht, L. I. Female, Mrs. C. Knapp, Treasurer,	147 75	
New-York, City Tr. Soc. by Female Branch, Mrs. E. B. Lethbridge, Tr.	65 25	
Rochester, Monroe Co., Levi A. Ward, Treasurer,	2 00	
Romulus, Peter McCarty, Treasurer,	22 00	
Schoharie, Schoharie Co., John Inold, Treasurer,	4 15	
Sheldon, T. Humphrey, Agent,	6 14	
Southold, L. I., Elsie Horton, Secretary,	5 50	
Suyvesant, Columbia Co., Female, Mrs. E. Garretson, Treasurer,	20 00	
Troy, Charles Lyman, Treasurer,	1 07	
Unionville, Orange Co., Sylvester Austin, Agent,	59 57	
Utica, Edward Vernon, Secretary,	4 48	
West Point, William K. Daniels, Treasurer,	2 12	
Williamsbury, Mr. Meserole, Treasurer,	5 41	
Yorktown, Simeon B. Johnson, Treasurer,	10 00	
<b>N. JER.</b> —Bloomfield, Z. B. Dodd, Treasurer,	4 00	
Chatham Village, Female, Amelia Spencer, Secretary,	12 44	
Kingston, Female, Miss Jane K. Comfort, Treasurer,	3 06	14 04
Lawrenceville, Female, Mrs. Maria L. Phillips, Secretary,	4 58	
Newark, Female, Mrs. Sarah M. Graham, Treasurer,	1 00	
New-Vernon, Utrie Maynard, Agent,	5 25	
Princeton, Theol. Sem. Richard Webster, Secretary,	1 07	
South-Orange,	10 00	
Springfield, Elijah Stiles, Treasurer,	5 00	
Trenton, Female, Julietta Rice, Treasurer,	3 00	
Woodbridge, Female, H. B. Barton, Secretary,	50 00	
<b>PENN.</b> —Erie, Erie Co., E. H. Chase, Treasurer,	235 30	
Philadelphia Branch, James Moore, General Agent,	20 00	
<b>MARYLAND.</b> —Hagerstown, Female, Helen C. Annin, Secretary,	50 04	
<b>N. CAR.</b> —Salisbury, Michael Brown, Treasurer,	38 00	
<b>OHIO.</b> —Harpersfield, (Ashtabula Co. Aux.) Rev. Perry Pratt, Secretary,	16 00	15 00
Do. do. do. (for. dia.)	3 00	
Newark, Licking Co., Rev. S. S. Miles, President,	5 12	
<b>INDIANA.</b> —Fort Wayne, Rev. James Chute, Agent,	8 25	
Indianapolis, Dr. Isaac Cox, President,	140 42	
Madison, Rev. Moses H. Wilder, Cor. Secretary,		
<b>MISSOURI.</b> —St. Louis, W. S. Olmsted, Treasurer,		

## SOCIETIES NOT AUXILIARY.

<b>N. YORK.</b> —North Salem, Female, Betsey Delavan, Secretary,	3 00	
Do. do. (for Caylon.)	5 00	
<b>ILLINOIS.</b> —Bethany, Tract Society, (for China.)	2 25	
Big Creek, Tract Society, (for China.)	1 00	
Embarras, do. do. (for China.)	2 00	
Tracts sold at the Depository to individuals, (including \$174 85 from Traveling Agents.)	481 81	

## Directors for Life.

<b>N. YORK.</b> —Ithaca, Rev. A. M. Mann,		
by his church and congregation, (in full of \$1 00.)	\$15 00	
New-York City, George Douglass,	200 00	
Oswego, Rev. N. W. Condit, by Freeb. Church, (in full of \$84 75.)	34 75	
Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., Gen. John B. Van Wyck,	50 00	
<b>N. JER.</b> —Lamington, Rev. William W. Blauvelt, by his church and congregation, (in full of \$50.)	30 00	
<b>PENN.</b> —Philadelphia, E. F. Backus,	100 00	

## Members for Life.

VER.—Farrisburg, Mrs. Rebecca Fraser, (for service in Burma),		Monroe, Orange Co., individuals,	3 00
MASS.—Dorchester, Mrs. Lydia Capen, by Mrs. Eliza P. Labaree, Mary Co., Tenn.	20 00	Moscow, Livingston Co., F. Tracy, Esq.,	4 00
N. YORK.—Barn, Albany Co. Rev. A. H. Myers, by the Second Tract Society, Barn. (in part of 20.)	25 75	Mount Morris, Livingston Co., by Rev. G. W. Elliot,	10 00
Gorham, Ontario Co., Rev. Flavel S. Gaylord, by his church and cong.	10 00	New York City, Sanford Coburn & Co., Adams, Champaign Co. O.	12 00
Hudson, Miss Serena M'Clanahan, (in part of 20.)	22 88	Do. A Lady,	2 00
Livonia, Livingston Co., Rev. Justus S. Hough, by his church and cong.	5 00	Do. A Gentleman,	37
Do. Miss Esther Maria Beecher, by Miss Maria Beecher,	20 00	Do. Seamen of ship Romulus, from Canton,	5 00
Oswego, Lucius B. Crocker, (in part of 20.)	20 00	North Salem, Mrs. A.	5 00
Do. Mrs. Lucius B. Crocker, (in part of 20.)	10 00	Northumberland, Ref. Dutch Church,	4 47
Rhinbeck, Mrs. J. B. Hardenbergh, by Ladies' Tract Association, (in full of 20.)	5 00	Ogden, Rev. A. Sedgwick,	1 00
Watertown, Seneca Co., Rev. A. D. Lane, by his church and cong.	20 00	Owego, Tioga Co., Rev. C. White,	5 00
N. JER.—Lebanon, Mrs. Maria Shultz, by Reformed Dutch Churches in Lebanon and White House,	20 00	Pike, Alleghany Co., Daniel Lawrence,	1 00
KEN.—Danville, J. D. Paxton, Do. Mrs. Margaret Paxton, by J. D. Paxton,	20 00	Richmond, Ontario Co., Presb. Cong. by Dea. E. Gilbert,	16 80
OHIO.—Kingsman, Trumbull Co., Mrs. M. A. McIlwaine, by Female Tract Society,	20 00	Rome, First Presb. Church,	10 47
INDIANA.—Crawfordsville, Rev. Caleb Mills, Jun., by Society of Rev. M. Hawes, Pepperell, Mass.	20 00	Schuylerville, Ref. Dutch Church,	14 00
		Sodus Bridge, Wayne Co. Presb. Cong. by Rev. G. P. Wing,	9 50
		Starkey, Yates Co., 1st Church, by Rev. L. Billington,	1 00
		Do. 2d Church, by James Taylor,	1 87
		Do. 3d Church, by Dr. Barnes,	5 10
		Stillwater, Presb. Church,	12 25
		Do. Congregational Church,	5 00
		Warren, Genesee Co., Presb. Cong. by Rev. Ezra Scoville,	13 75
		West Greenfield, Cong. Church, (Rev. Mr. Redfield),	11 77
		N. JER.—Lamington, Somerset Co., Presb. Church,	4 25
		Lebanon, Hunterdon Co., Ref. Dutch Church,	16 70
		Newark, First Church,	3 25
		Newfoundland, Morris Co.,	8 25
		White House, Hunterdon Co., Ref. Dutch Church,	9 05
		VIR.—Bedford Co., individuals,	1 00
		Cumberland Co., R. Scott,	50
		Old Concord, Campbell Co. Congregation,	22 25
		Pisgah Congregation, Bedford Co., A. D. Mitchell, 25 cents, L. Saunders 75, E. Saunders 50, A. M. Mitchell 13, J. Mitchell 6, Captain M. Fugus 50, William Whitten 95, P. Clayton 1, L. Calloway 50 cents, E. A. Calloway 50, J. Rice 6, D. Rice 6, W. Rice 6, J. Rice 6,	4 00
		GEO.—Bryan Co.	1 00
		OHIO.—Rev. A. R. Clark, Agent American Education Society,	3 00
		Oliver Strong, (for Burma),	50
		Camp Meeting, near Mount Gilead, Newman's Creek, Stark Co., Rev. S. Cleland's cong. (for dis.),	1 44
		Springfield, Portage Co., congregation of Rev. J. Hughes, (for Africa 12 c. for China 18 00.)	4 00
		Wadsworth, Medina Co., congregation of Rev. G. Fay, (for dis.),	14 75
		CANADA.—Niagara, Miss Sarah Parsons,	5 00

## Annual Members.

N. YORK.—Auburn, Mrs. M. Cadwell, Do. Miss Eliza Cadwell,	2 25
VIR.—New London, Bedford Co., Dr. William Steptoe, Old Concord P. O., Campbell Co., S. C. Anderson,	2 00
Ottar Bridge P. O., Bedford Co., Jas. Leftwich,	2 00
Do. George Steptoe,	2 00

## Other Donations.

MASS.—Hawley, Edmund Longley, Esq. (money received for services in the American Revolution.)	10 00
Monson, female friend, (for dis.)	2 00
Plainfield, Mrs. Margaret Hallock,	1 00
CONN.—Canton, Everest Fund, by Benjamin Ely, Treasurer,	30 00
Kennington, Esther Hills,	50
Salisbury, an individual, (for dis.)	1 00
N. YORK.—Arkport, James Hurlbut, Carmel, a friend, by J. Lockwood,	2 00
Chapinville, Presb. Cong. by Rev. Mr. Flagler,	1 00
Genesee, Livingston Co., Presb. Cong. by Rev. John G. Lord,	15 00
Harpersfield, Society of Rev. Harper Boice, (for dis.)	15 00
Hopewell, Ontario Co., Presb. Cong. by Dea. N. Smith,	10 00
Ithaca, First Presb. Church, (for dis.)	20 00
Marion, Wayne Co., collection in part,	1 74
Milton, Ballstown Spring P. O., Baptist Church,	13 00
Do. Congregational Church,	10 00

The above list contains donations—  
For the Valley of the Mississippi, \$22 00  
For Foreign Distribution, (including 12 cents for Africa, 20 50 for Burma, 65 for Ceylon, and 416 91 for China, 173 64

Whole amount of donations, 1,316 50  
Received for Tracts sold, 1,065 97  
Total, 2,382 47

# THE AMERICAN Tract Magazine.

---

VOL. IX.

DECEMBER, 1833.

NO. 12.

---

## TO EVANGELICAL MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY consider the following as unquestioned facts: viz.

That there are many in every part of the country, and in some parts a large portion of the population, who do not attend on public worship;

That there devolves on the churches a solemn responsibility to tender to them the Gospel;

That to them and others, the labors of Christians, in connection with Tract distribution, have been greatly blessed; and

That the success of these labors depends, in a high degree, on the duties they involve being clearly understood and faithfully and discreetly performed.

In view of these facts, the Committee, at a meeting, November 18, 1833, after prayerful consideration, unanimously

*"RESOLVED, That the several Pastors of churches throughout the United States, who may concur in these views, be respectfully requested, on the second Sabbath in January next, to deliver a public discourse on the obligations of Christians to labor for the salvation of men, and the advantages of connecting their efforts with Tract distribution; and at the same time, to adopt such means as they may judge best adapted to give efficiency to this department of benevolence in their own vicinity.*

"And whereas frequent meetings for prayer and mutual encouragement are a happy means, not only of procuring the Divine blessing, but of guiding to wise and efficient effort ;

"RESOLVED, *That this Committee cordially approve the practice already adopted in many parts of our country, of observing THE LAST MONDAY EVENING in every month as the TRACT DISTRIBUTERS' CONCERT FOR PRAYER ; and recommend its observance, as far as consistent, by all engaged in these labors.*"

The Committee feel that *the results of experience* on the subject of Christian effort connected with Tract distribution, are such that they can now speak with a good degree of confidence. They disclaim the idea that any minute course of procedure can be pointed out, which shall be adapted to all circumstances, and which it can be hoped will in all cases lead to a favorable result. They entreat Ministers and Christians in every place, prayerfully to examine the subject, and to *adopt those means which, in their own view, will be best adapted* to be useful to those among whom they dwell.

This department of benevolent effort is based on the great principle, that it is the duty of all whom Christ has made partakers of his love, to do what they can to bring others to the knowledge of the truth, while with each individual rests the sole and weighty responsibility of receiving or rejecting the message proffered. And the plan contemplates access to our fellow men, at once through the printed page and by personal Christian effort, as opportunity is given for either or for both.

Hitherto the course usually adopted has been to assign each neighborhood, or district of from 20 to 30 or 40 families, to one distributor or missionary, so far as Christians, male or female, can be found qualified for the service and with a heart to engage in it. In this designated field, the distributor monthly presents a Tract to each family *in which he obtains satisfactory evidence that it will be kindly received and read ;* and in connection with its distribution, and on every occasion when suitable opportunity offers, having sought the counsel of ministers and others, and direction from God, does what he can—by personal conversation ; by inducing to an attendance on public worship and the reading of

the Bible; by gathering the young into Sabbath and other schools; by neighborhood prayer-meetings; and by other means, for the eternal welfare of all.

Many considerations show the IMPORTANCE OF THIS SYSTEM OF EFFORT, if wisely and properly directed.

It is *the only means* now extensively in operation, whereby Christians are brought *personally to labor* for those who come not under the preached word. The Tract is not only itself a message of salvation, but is a *letter of introduction*, declaring that he who bears it comes on an errand of mercy.

The *results of this system*, when prosecuted with spirituality, discretion and vigor, are also *full of encouragement*. This remark might be confirmed by facts from cities, towns and villages in almost every part of the Union.

A merchant in the city of New-York commenced his distribution and labors in November, 1831, in a lane of ten houses, containing twenty-five families. At each end of the lane was a rum-selling grocery; three families were Roman Catholics, and only three others attended public worship. "My heart failed me," he says, "and I exclaimed, 'Can these dry bones live?'" In the strength of God he proceeded to his labors. The Tract for the first month, "Examine your Hopes for Eternity," was blessed to *two mothers*, both of whom are now creditable members of the church.—The next month, a Catholic, on whom the distributor had urged the necessity of a *change of heart*, became dangerously ill. He forbade the calling of a priest to pardon his sins, sent for the distributor, and when his friends objected, told them to stay away, or cease disturbing him. The distributor visited him almost daily for several weeks, praying with him, and pouring upon his dark mind the simplest truths of salvation, which he eagerly received, and which became the joy of his heart. Soon his Catholic friends came in every evening to listen to their conversation and join in prayer; and not only they were ready to say with one voice, "Let my last end be like his," but a devout Protestant clergyman, who twice visited him at his own request, obtained cheering evidence that he had become truly a child of God.—Not long after, the keeper of one of the groceries, a practical infidel, sent for the distributor: "O," he



exclaimed, "I have lived 50 years in sin. Now my body is racked with pain, and my peace is not made with God." He excluded all earthly cares, and gave himself wholly to prayer and preparation for eternity. When his former companions called, he would turn his face to the wall. He seemed to surrender his all to the Redeemer; and after ten days, departed, willing to go at his bidding.—A woman in the district, who was brought to embrace Christ by means of a Tract, so exemplified religion, that her sickness and death were apparently instrumental in the conversion of her physician and female attendant, both of whom united with the church the following month.—On one occasion, the distributor was called to visit a sailor, whom he found with his half emptied bottle at his side. But his disease soon caused him to loathe its contents, his mind became clear, and it is believed he sought and found the Savior.—A monthly *prayer-meeting* was early established in the district, which was soon held twice a month, and then weekly, by request, and has been *continued weekly* till the present time. A part of the afternoon previous to the meeting, the distributor regularly spends in the district, persuading the people to attend, and to be reconciled to God. Often it has been crowded, and the Spirit of God has been evidently present. Through its instrumentality *seven individuals* from the district, in addition to those above mentioned, have been brought to join themselves to the people of God; and a number from neighboring districts have been led earnestly to inquire what they must do to be saved. From one of the groceries ardent spirit has been excluded, on principle, by two successive occupants.

Thus from this lane of twenty-five families, *fifteen* individuals, within two years, have been apparently brought to accept of Christ—*four* of them have gone to their everlasting account, and *eleven* are now members of the visible church. If our country contains 2,500,000 families, and throughout two-thirds of them similar labors were performed and equally blessed, in the space of two years *one hundred thousand souls* would be hopefully added to the number of Christ's followers. An army would thus be raised up from among the enemies of Christ to labor for him; by his blessing on their efforts, increased acces-

sions would be made ; and a train of blessings would result which the omniscient mind alone can estimate.

So deeply are the superintendents of two wards of the city persuaded of the usefulness of this work, when performed with spirituality and efficiency, that they each support a self-denying layman to devote his whole time in co-operation with distributors in their respective wards. In one of these wards, containing upward of 4,000 families, nearly 100 distributors are employed, who held the last month, in addition to their monthly meeting at the house of the superintendent, *thirty neighborhood prayer-meetings*, and who have reported, since January 1, the hopeful conversion of no less than *seventy* individuals, most of whom have already joined themselves to different evangelical churches.

This system is also a *means of good to the individuals and churches by which it is faithfully performed*. The Pastor of a flourishing church expressed his opinion, at the Society's last anniversary, that the Tract distributors and Sabbath School teachers connected with his church were directly instrumental in the conversion of more sinners to God than was his public preaching; and added his testimony to that of hundreds of others, that in laboring for the spiritual welfare of others, the churches are themselves spiritually blessed.

It appears also to be essential to the permanent efficiency of this work, that it be done *systematically*. A beloved missionary to India stated to the Secretary of this Society just previous to her departure, that she thought her labors as a monthly Tract distributor had been much blessed to her own soul. When the time came to go out to her district, she was driven to the closet, that her heart might be prepared for the solemn duty ; her love to the Savior and to souls was enkindled, and her *two or three days of labor in her district* were days of spiritual refreshment, when every Christian grace seemed to have been strengthened. Many a Christian, in the multiplicity of cares and engagements, and with his graces languishing, would postpone indefinitely his efforts, did not the Tracts placed in his hands remind him of duty, and his pledges of fidelity summon him to effort in the strength of God.

*The example of our country* in this respect is already exerting a delightful influence in foreign lands. Liverpool, Edin-

burgh, Glasgow, and numerous other cities and towns in Great Britain, have adopted this system of effort. The *Colporteurs of France*, pious men, who go out to distribute Tracts, conversing and praying with individuals as they have opportunity, are carrying into effect essentially the same system. The missionaries in *Burmah* have adopted it in various places. The missionaries in *Ceylon* have visited most of the neighboring villages in a similar manner, supplying in one instance, out of 131 families, *eighty*, in all of which one or more individuals could read. And when it is considered that in *China*, public preaching is unknown—that heathen religions have there been propagated mainly through the press, in connection with personal conversation and instruction in schools—and that millions, whose spoken language is unintelligible to each other, read the same books—who can say, that the efforts of MORRISON and his associates in preparing Chinese Tracts; of LEANG AFA and other native converts in diffusing them in the interior; of GUTZLAFF and others in dispersing them in the populous sea-ports; and of those who shall be raised up to co-operate with and fill the places of these devoted laborers—shall not be blessed in bringing the millions of that vast empire to know and embrace the only Savior.

With these views, the Committee cannot avoid the impression, that the highest prosperity of the churches, the fulfillment of solemn obligations, and the welfare of multitudes perishing in sin, are involved in the object of this appeal. They fear there is a tendency in the churches, while praying and contributing for the conversion of the world in *the general*, to neglect more self-denying labors for *the eternal welfare of individuals around them*. They beseech ministers and members of the churches to give the subject a most serious consideration, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, sought by believing prayer, to engage perseveringly in duty, that souls may not be left to “die” unwarned “in their iniquity,” and God “require their blood at our hands.”

By order of the Committee,

JAMES MILNOR, *Chairman*.

WILLIAM A. HALLOCK, *Cor. Secretary*.

New-York, November 28, 1833.

N. B. A number of valuable new Tracts, adapted for general circulation, have been recently issued, specimens of one or more of which are published monthly in a periodical entitled *The Monthly Distributer*, price 50 cents a year.

*From the Address of Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen, at the Society's last Anniversary.*

"The personal efforts of Christians, in connection with Tract distribution," said Mr. F., "are among the most powerful auxiliaries toward the accomplishment of God's gracious purposes. And here I believe, Mr. President, the church of the Redeemer is far behind her duty. We have been too prone to add this duty to the long list of laborious services that we visit upon the Christian ministry. Sir, we have piled burden after burden upon the ministry, until we have almost crushed it to the earth. The distribution of Tracts is designed to reach departments beyond the limits of the living preacher. I fear, sir, that laymen have too often felt ashamed or afraid to go out with these silent messengers of truth, and by their personal influence and exhortations secure for them a favorable reception. Let the world see and feel by our conduct that we deem the soul of infinite value, and that for its redemption we are willing faithfully to employ the blessed agency of Tracts. It will be a service that will elevate the standard of piety, that will try the strength of Christian principles, and illustrate the fidelity of Christian character. We have lessons on this subject, in the example of our blessed Savior, that we are bound to heed. His life affords the precept and pattern. Such was his love for the souls of men, that he condescended to leave the adoration of angels and assume the infirmities of a human body, and preach from village to village, from synagogue to synagogue. He went about doing good. He drew instructive lessons for those who followed him, from the birds that carolled and the flowers that bloomed along his way. And when the Lord of men and angels could thus labor to make wise unto salvation, shall any of his followers draw back from self-denying duty? Ah, sir, what an impression might the church make upon the world, did we all live up to the high responsibilities which at this eventful period call us into the vineyard! How it might shake the false security of our fellow men, did the light of a holy example constantly shine before them, and convince them that we of a truth regarded their souls as in imminent and awful danger?"

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN EFFORTS,

### IN CONNECTION WITH MONTHLY TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

[New adapted in the city of New-York.]

*Object.*—To do all you can, in a kind and proper manner, for the eternal welfare of the souls in your District; and especially for supplying the deficiency of other means of grace, by bringing Divine truth to bear directly upon the heart and conscience.

*Qualifications.*—A heart intent on bringing sinners to repentance, through the blessing of the Holy Spirit—promptness in action—an

affectionate deportment—acquaintance with the Scriptures—and skill in communicating to the apprehensions, and impressing on the hearts of others the Gospel method of salvation.

*Tracts.*—To be presented not only as messages of truth, but as an introduction to christian effort. The expense, and the ultimate usefulness of this work require that *no Tract be given, or loaned, except where such conversation shall have been had with some member of the family as affords satisfactory evidence that it will be kindly received and read.* Acquaint yourself with every Tract before presenting it—read it to those who cannot read—promptly return all not distributed.

*Other Christian Efforts.*—These must be guided by the wisdom you shall gain from above—they will require much of your time, and the exercise of your most spiritual and active powers. With your heart tenderly alive, the more faithful your efforts, the more pleasant, acceptable, and useful they will be.—Formal, heartless, superficial labors of Distributers are *the only obstacle* to the success of this work. As you have opportunity, relieve the wants of the suffering, or make them known to the benevolent—bring the young into Sabbath, Infant, or other Schools—persuade to an attendance on public worship—induce to the searching of the Scriptures, and adopt means to have those destitute of them supplied—but above all, make known a Savior to dying men—pray, not only for, but with them, as occasion permits; and never give over till you find them at the foot of the cross, and under the care of some Evangelical Church.

*Special Efforts for Individuals.*—The blessing is often lost for want of *directness of aim and continuity of effort.* Keep your mind, therefore, always fixed on some individuals, as the special objects of your prayers and labors for their conversion—when you see evidences of seriousness, follow up the impression—repeat your visits—introduce them to religious meetings and to faithful ministers—persevere in your endeavors, and be satisfied with nothing short of their becoming decided and useful Christians.

*Means of Keeping the Heart warm.*—Reflect, that on your fidelity may depend, under God, the eternal salvation of souls in your District—go to His throne of grace for spiritual life—and in every effort your strength will be renewed. Let the spiritual necessities of individuals press upon your heart, and rest not till they embrace the Savior. Call on the decidedly christian families in your District for their sympathy and prayers, and to accompany you to the abode of the anxious sinner, or the new-born soul—make known your spiritual anxieties and burdens to your Minister, and get his counsel and aid. Always be at prayer-meetings of Distributers—attempt to supply a District no larger than you can thoroughly occupy—continue in the same District, that you may be as a friend and not a stranger—get a pious companion in your efforts, if it seems desirable—let all sectarian prejudice, no less in your own heart than in the Tracts you circulate, be absorbed in endeavors to save souls from ruin.

*Punctuality.*—So many are engaged in this work, that unless each is punctual, it cannot be vigorously sustained. Get the Tracts into your hands on the first day of the month; make the Distribution early; and on or before the 15th see that your report is presented to the superintendent, without further trouble to him.

*Report.*—Let this be in writing; stating the number of families in your District—of families supplied—children brought into Sabbath or Infant Schools—families found destitute of the Bible—prayer-meetings held—hopeful conversions—and all other facts calculated to encourage those engaged in this cause.

## CHINESE PRINTING.

The Chinese Repository for February contains an article under this head, in which the *metallic moveable types* proposed by Rev. Mr. Dyer, of Penang, are described. For 900 years the Chinese have printed from wooden blocks about one half inch thick, upon each of which a fac simile impression of two pages, constituting one leaf of the work to be printed, is taken, and then the characters cut in the block. One of these pages of ordinary size may be cut in a day, and the block is uniformly cut on both sides. The ink is applied with a brush, the paper laid on and gently pressed with another brush; and one man in a day will take off 2,000 copies.

The *Chinese metal types* will resemble English *logo-types*, each type containing a *complete word*; for in Chinese one character expresses not a letter or syllable, but a complete word, or idea. Mr. Dyer thinks it very desirable that they should have a *worker in steel on the spot*, who shall immediately commence *cutting punches*, or matrices, in which the type may be cast, as shall be needed. He believes it will be the greatest economy in the end, though at first it will require great expense and enterprize, as the variety of characters is very great. The *mass* of the language is not much more than *twelve hundred characters* in variety; but it would require several thousands to make the fount tolerably complete.

By this means, any work requiring despatch, like a newspaper, might be issued in as many *hours* as the Chinese method would require *days*. Many pages might be combined in a single form, and printed at one stroke of the press; and the type will be far more durable than the Chinese block, from which only from 10,000 to 30,000 impressions can well be taken.

By the Chinese method, however, letters of all sizes, and figures of all descriptions may be cut without difficulty on the same page, whereas, as many founts of type would be required as there are type of different sizes; and the apparatus in the Chinese method is far more simple. Every instrument necessary for printing on a small scale may be packed up and carried on a workman's back.

*Cheapness of Chinese Printing.*

The "*Scripture Sleeve Gem*," published in China at the expense of the American Tract Society, contains two thirds as many characters as the Gospel by Mark, being fifty-four leaves in about the 32mo. size. The cost of the *blocks* for this work was *ten dollars*; the cost of printing and paper for 3,000 copies was *thirty dollars*, or *one dollar*

per 100. We are not informed whether this includes folding, stitching, &c.

In view of all the above, while it appears that moveable metallic types would be useful for printing ephemeral productions, yet we are constrained to inquire if *stereotyping from the Chinese blocks* would not at once afford the highest facilities for the publication of all permanent works. We expect further information ere long upon this point.

---

*The Emperor of China sending for Tracts.*

Rev. Mr. Gutzlaff, under date of Fuh-chow, 600 miles from Canton, May 12, writes,

We were visited by the Mandarin of this district, a civil and sagacious old man. He had received orders from the Deputy Governor of Fun-keen province to procure a certain number of our Christian books for the inspection of the Emperor. I gave him accordingly one copy of "Scripture Lessons," a Tract on Gambling, "Heaven's Mirror," a full delineation of Christianity, beside a few other books, of which he had copies before. I was highly delighted that God, in his wisdom, was sending his glorious Gospel to Peking, that it might be fully examined and known in the palace. Taou Kwang has never shown himself an enemy to popery. In all his edicts against the sects and heresies in his dominions, he does not even mention the name of Christian. Though I know nothing of his character, except that he delights more in pleasure than in business, I humbly hope that the perusal of the word of God will impress his mind favorably toward the Gospel. It is the first time the Chinese government has taken the trouble to examine the oracles of God.

---

BURMAH.

*From a letter of Rev. Dr. Bolles, Cor. Sec. Am. Baptist Board for Foreign Missions, to the Secretary of the American Tract Society.*

We received your highly interesting favor in behalf of the Committee of the American Tract Society yesterday. The spirit displayed in the resolution to raise \$20,000 the present year, in aid of Tract operations in foreign and pagan lands, is worthy of their truly Christian institution, and called for by the exigencies of the times. The field is already wide, and extending every month.

The preparations we now have in Burmah for printing, will enable us to expend to advantage very considerable sums. Since the first of January, 1833, four presses have been in operation. When there were but two, an entire edition of 3,000 copies of the New Testament and 21,000 Tracts, making an aggregate of 2,248,000 octavo pages, were worked off in eight months. We should think that for Tracts, we shall require for the year to come from three to four thousand

dollars, on a moderate estimate. At present, we have no presses in operation except in Burmah; but there are founts of types for four languages, the Burman, Karen, Talieng, and English.

Rev. Mr. Jones will prepare Tracts in Siamese as soon as he is able, and in the mean time can distribute many in Talieng and Burman, as those languages are spoken by numbers about him.

The Board has directed the establishment of a press in the Indian territory west of the Mississippi River, and preparations are making to fulfill the order, but it is not probable it can be put in operation so as to expend much the current year.

The aid your Society has already afforded has had an important influence on our Tract operations, and the prospect of their efficient co-operation in time to come must be followed by the best results. With continued desire for the blessing of God on our united efforts to diffuse abroad the knowledge of his salvation, I remain yours, truly,

L. BOLLES, *Cor. Secretary.*

*Why the Burman wished the Tract buried with him.*

Because, says Rev. Mr. Wade, all he knew of Christianity having been derived from that Tract, was in his mind identified with it, and it appeared to him the best method of bearing a public testimony that he died in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Three hundred idolaters have already joined the five christian churches in Burmah.

SOCIETY AT CALW, GERMANY.

The Calw Society has reprinted 16 of the Child's Tracts of the London Society, in editions amounting to 218,000 copies; and has recently issued 10,000 copies of 52 Bible Histories.

TRACTS AND BOOKS FOR FRANCE.

An able communication, which appeared a few weeks since in the New-York Observer, urges the necessity of the immediate preparation of Tracts and volumes on the *evidences of Christianity*, and other topics specially adapted to the present state of the French people.

The Committees of the American Tract Society have transmitted to the Religious Tract Society in Paris, a copy of this communication, with a letter inviting their attention to this subject. That Society is evangelical and active; and let American Christians place in their hands the pecuniary means, and thus at once remove all doubts whether they can be obtained, and furnish new motives for enlarged



and vigorous operations, and we believe God, in answer to prayer, will give glorious success to the spread of his Gospel in France.

A communication from Rev. Flavel S. Mines, Seamen's Chaplain at Havre, addressed to the American Sunday School Union, says,

"The dearth of religious knowledge, and even of writings, in the language of the people of this empire, to impart Christian instruction, is fearful indeed, and calls loudly for speedy relief. A few books, original or translated from the English, have been recently prepared, but the deficiency seems scarcely lessened. There are in Paris a number of pious persons, of the first order of intellect, familiar with the *taste* of the French, (widely differing in some little but important things, which it is needless to specify, from our own,) who volunteer their continued services in the same pleasing task. The books, there can be little doubt, will have 'free course,' as past editions have, in many instances, gone off with amazing rapidity. The translations and printing can both best be done at Paris, where the taste of the people can be readily consulted and known, errors of the press be corrected with more exactness and despatch, and the stamp of Paris renders the publications more popular."

#### MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION IN GLASGOW, EDINBURGH, AND PAISLEY.

The first report of the "Glasgow Society for the Monthly Distribution of Tracts," presented January 31, 1833, shows that the work is prosecuted there with much system, vigor and success. In December there were 33 Superintendents' Districts; 493 Distributers, about *one-fifth* of whom are females, and 25,201 Tracts were distributed. The Tracts distributed have been the Day of Judgment, Sin and Danger of Despising a Preached Gospel, Effects of the Gospel Illustrated, Disappointed Hope, Hope of Future Repentance, Amelia Gale, Word in the Ear of the Professed Christian, and Is not thy Wickedness Great? by Dr. Payson. The report contains many evidences of the blessing of God on these labors.

The Monthly Distribution Societies in each of the three places above named print a Tract for each month's distribution, in the 8vo. form, without covers. The Tracts for Glasgow are entitled "*The Glasgow Monthly Visitor*;" those for Edinburgh, the "*Monthly Visitor, circulated gratuitously by the Edinburgh Society for the Distribution of a Religious Tract to every family in the city, once a month*;" those for Paisley, "*The Friendly Monitor*," on some of which it is announced, that though distributed gratis, all contributions will be thankfully received. This work is also prosecuted in Dublin.

#### BAPTIST MISSION AT ORISSA.

Rev. Amos Sutton, Missionary of the General Baptist Missionary Society, England, (Rev. J. G. Pike, Derby, Cor. Sec.) and stationed

at Orissa, India, informs that that mission is the only one between Calcutta and Madras, and has access to millions of population, speaking very various languages. He believes that, could the American Tract Society furnish the amount, they might advantageously employ at least *one thousand dollars annually*, in the Tract circulation.

---

#### TRACTS RECENTLY APPROVED IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

In *Mahratta*, the Three Worlds, Summary of the Holy Scriptures, Good Tidings. In *Armenian*, Loss of the Kent, Scott's Notes on the Sermon on the Mount, and on Revelation, 13. In *Swedish*, The Way to Heaven, A Summary of the Bible. In *Danish*, The End of Time. In *German*, The Christian's Duty to the Heathen. In *Cherokee*, Poor Sarah. In *Creole, or Negro German* of the West Indies, History of Christ, extracted from the four Gospels. In *Oriya, and other East Indian languages*, The Jewel Mine of Salvation, and the Truth of the Bible; the former written, and the latter translated by Rev. Amos Sutton, Baptist Missionary at Orissa. In *Russ*, Recollections at the close of the year.

---

#### THE MOUNTAIN MILLER.

*One hundred and sixty-eight thousand* copies of this Tract (No. 254) having been circulated since May, 1831, it has been carefully revised and stereotyped anew. It has been reprinted by the Religious Tract Society in London, and translated and printed in French, by the Tract Society at Paris. It is esteemed an object worthy of a noble effort, to issue a sermon that shall be printed in one edition of 500 copies—what then would be the comparative usefulness of writers, would they *patiently collect facts illustrating conviction, conversion, and genuine piety*, and embody them in an interesting Tract, that may be read by hundreds of thousands, and perhaps by succeeding generations?

---

The Vermont Chronicle makes the following remarks on the suggestion of a Correspondent, in a late number of the Tract Magazine, that it is desirable the American Tract Society should issue *a series embracing the great doctrines* in which Evangelical Christians harmonize.

"In our opinion the number of doctrinal Tracts, of really standard character, published by the American Tract Society, is by no means small. Their Tracts are generally of that character. True, they do not teach the peculiar doctrines of the Gospel in the same scholastic form as Hopkins or Van Maastricht; but they teach doctrines in a far better form,—in a form much more like that which is given them in the Bible. The doctrines taught in these Tracts are the very doctrines which every Christian learns in his Christian experience, and are taught in the very form in which the Holy Spirit teaches them to

every man during his Christian experience ; and the same manner of teaching which the Holy Spirit himself has adopted in the Bible. The Society, we think, is and ever has been sending forth a series of Tracts on the doctrines which alone can "bind in one common bond all the evangelical denominations in the country."

#### KEITH ON PROPHECY.

I am much pleased (writes a gentleman from Rochester, Monroe co., N. Y.) with the Society's OCCASIONAL VOLUMES. I think great good will be done in this way. So far as my knowledge extends, it is deeply to be regretted that the *evidences of Christianity* are not more frequently presented from the pulpit. Ministers, from the fact that their hearers do not *openly dispute* the truth of Christianity, seem to take it for granted that their judgments are convinced ; but it is not so. There is an alarming amount of infidelity within the pale of their congregations. Were the *evidences of Christianity* clearly and simultaneously presented from all our pulpits, I believe the effect would be most happy. With these views, I am pleased with the publication of KEITH. It presents one branch of the evidence in a manner at once intelligible to all, and so interesting that it will be read by many whose general reading is not religious. Its price (20 cents in sheep, 12 1-2 in cloth) brings it within the reach of all. I think it will prove a very popular and useful publication.

#### DODDRIDGE'S RISE AND PROGRESS.

A respected clergyman (writes Mr. Leet, Agent) was urging the circulation of the Society's occasional volumes in his own congregation, and proceeded to say, "Had it not been for *Doddridge's Rise and Progress*; I should have been, to all human view, a lawyer. My father had made arrangements for my studying law, when that book was put into my hands, and was instrumental, as I trust, in my conversion." Others have given testimony of similar import.

#### THE SOCIETY'S VOLUMES BLESSED IN THE REVIVAL OF RELIGION.

In one place (adds Mr. Leet) where I visited, and sold books to a considerable amount, I was told by an Elder of the church, that he believed these books had been made the means of promoting the *revival of religion*, with which they are now blessed.

#### WORTHY OF IMITATION BY CLERGYMEN.

Rev. Mr. H. of Y——, N. Y. says, "On *visiting with a Tract distributor* this month, I found one person who felt convinced that she is a great sinner; and others serious. The *young mechanic* mentioned in my last as having the Tract *Worth of the Soul* on his bench, thinks he has found the Saviour to be precious. Our monthly prayer-meetings for distributors are interesting.

## SIMULTANEOUS COLLECTION FOR FOREIGN DISTRIBUTION.

The Utica Synod, at their annual meeting at Cooperstown, unanimously recommended to the churches to take a public collection or subscription on the 2d Sabbath of November, to aid the American Tract Society in raising \$30,000 the present year, for foreign and pagan lands.

---

The Tract and Book Society of York, Upper Canada, remitted the last year about \$180 to the London Religious Tract Society, and received publications to the value of nearly \$300. They have published a *Christian Almanac* for Upper Canada. Whole amount of sales \$280.

---

A missionary at *Algiers* has sold 475 Bibles, and 100 Testaments, in Hebrew, Arabic, French, Italian, and German, for which he received 611 francs. It is computed that there are in *Algiers* 30,000 Jews.

---

The American Sunday School Union have voted to Rev. Flavel S. Mines, \$500 for translating and publishing their books in French, and \$500 more for a Sunday School Association on the principles of the A. S. S. U. should such an Association be organized in France.

---

## \$100 FOR RUSSIA.

A friend, in view of the call for Tracts for the millions of Russia, offers to give \$100, on condition that four others will give an equal amount, that \$500 may be remitted for immediate use.

---

## PHILADELPHIA CITY TRACT SOCIETY.

This Society has been recently reorganized, with a view to reviving with vigor the monthly distribution of Tracts, accompanied with prayer and effort, throughout the city and liberties, containing nearly 30,000 families. Between 400 and 500 persons have engaged to take part in the work. A writer in a Philadelphia paper makes a solemn appeal in behalf of that large portion of the population who absent themselves from the house of God. He claims that while we do what we can to send Tracts to the Heathen, we *must also labor* for the thousands perishing around us. Mr. JOSEPH MONTGOMERY, Pres't, THOMAS LATIMER, Sec., D. W. PRESCOTT, Treas.

---

"LET HIM THAT HEARETH, SAY, COME."

The Scripture warrant for Christian efforts, connected with Tract distribution.

## ANNIVERSARIES IN CINCINNATI.

On the week commencing October 28, anniversaries of the various objects of benevolence were held in Cincinnati. The Tract meeting was on Friday evening, Nov. 1, the last of the anniversaries, and says a correspondent, "closed them well." Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Mahan, Gallaher, and Kirk, and Rev. Dr. Edwards; and at the suggestion of Dr. Edwards, seconded by Dr. Beecher, a subscription was taken up, amounting to \$300.

Rev. Mr. GALLAHER expressed the great satisfaction with which the brethren from the East were welcomed on that hallowed week in Cincinnati, and gave a vivid description of the interest excited when the religious Tracts first found their way over the Mountains, and began to roll down among the destitute settlements of the West. He advocated the Tract cause, as a means of bringing the Gospel to bear on the *present generation*, before they die and go into eternity—of converting the entire world into a *reading community*—of keeping the *piety of the church bright* by labors for the souls of men—and conveying a knowledge of the Savior to *heathen lands*.

Rev. Mr. KIRK regarded the press yet in its infancy. We may yet see disclosures of its power equal to that of steam on the mighty rivers of the West. The time would come when the child should die an hundred years old. Future generations will send forth their productions by the press, and reveal its mighty power beyond what we can now conceive.

Rev. Dr. EDWARDS said, if Fulton and others had spent their efforts in discanting on the power of steam, without any *practical application*, they would have accomplished nothing. So we needed to see exactly what is the thing now to be done. The object is to reclaim a world perishing in sin. The instrumentality is the diffusion of the Gospel. Multitudes of the present generation will be under ground before you can reach them *in any other way* than by Tracts. When he was on the Committee of the American Tract Society, the President often said, "Don't let any Tract go out that has not in it enough of Jesus Christ, should it go where there is no minister or Bible, to save the soul." And Tracts are instrumental in saving souls.

*The Pagan Voice of Prayer.*

A Missionary was once traveling in India, in the midst of heathen idolatry; he came, weary and exhausted, to a little hut where he put up for the night. Only a thin curtain separated his apartment from another, in which others slept. In the night he was awaked by a human voice in the other room. He listened, and he heard some one praying with great earnestness to Jesus Christ. Yes, sir, in that land of idols, in the midst of pagan idolatry, in the silence and darkness of the night, that soul was lifting up strong crying unto Him who is able and willing to save; and who hath said, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find." And hew, sir, had he learned of Jesus? Not by a minister, or a Bible; he had none: but by a little Tract, which some one had given to his child.

## WASHINGTON CITY.

A recent letter from the Secretary of the Washington City Tract Society, stated that the monthly distribution was in vigorous operation; and was felt to be one of the most efficient means of usefulness, and one that should be brought into operation throughout the whole country.

## NEW TRACTS.

No. 291. **HORRORS OF HEATHENISM.** By REV. H. B. HOOKER—pp. 20. This Tract, from a graphic and vivid picture of heathen superstitions, degradation, present wretchedness, and future prospects, furnishes a most affecting appeal to Christian sympathy.

No. 292. **ARE YOU READY?** By REV. H. B. HOOKER—pp. 4. What is meant by this question? Who asks it? Why ask it? Why of me? Who are not ready? If I am, what then? If I am not, what then? I am in health, and the fullness of my strength, why press the question so earnestly upon me?

No. 293. **ELIZA, THE INDIAN SORCESS—**pp. 8. Her history, while practising her incantations; connection with the mission at Mackinaw; striking conversion, godly walk, and happy death. She was the first Chippeway Indian convert.

## MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION IN PROVIDENCE, R. I.

"Our Tract Distributors' Concert for Prayer on the last Monday evening in September," says a letter, "was one of the most interesting meetings we have ever held. During that month, neighborhood prayer-meetings were held in many districts, some of which were particularly interesting and profitable. A new impulse seemed to be given to the Tract distribution, and our hearts were made glad by the reports presented."

## RECEIPTS

## INTO THE TREASURY OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY,

*During the month ending November 15, 1833.*

## FROM AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETIES.

	For Tr.	Dono.
VER.—Brandon, Rev. Ira Ingraham, Agent, . . . . .	2 00	
St. Albans, Female, Theodore W. Smith, Depositary, . . . . .	10 00	
MASS.—Boston, American Tract Society, John Tappan, Esq. Treasurer, . . . . .	208 30	
Dedham, Female, Mrs. Julia Metcalf, Treasurer, . . . . .	1 00	
Monson, Young Men's, Timothy H. Brown, Secretary, . . . . .	6 58	14 47
Pittsfield, Samuel A. Danforth, Treasurer, . . . . .	3 00	
Do. Female, Miss Amelia Danforth, Secretary, . . . . .	1 00	
R. ISL.—Providence, Isaac Wilcox, Depositary, . . . . .	23 25	
CONN.—Durham, . . . . .	2 25	
New-Canaan, George W. Ayres, Treasurer, . . . . .	2 60	
New-Haven, Female, Mrs. Henrietta F. Whitney, Treasurer, . . . . .	37 50	12 50
Northfield, Litchfield Co., Truman Smith, Treasurer, . . . . .	5 00	4 75
Northford, Rev. Matthew Noyes, Agent, . . . . .		3 75
North-Goshen, Female, Mrs. Amanda W. Baldwin, Secretary, . . . . .	6 75	2 25
Reading, Rev. William L. Strong, Agent, . . . . .	5 25	
Saybrook, 2d Society, Female, Mrs. A. F. Champlin, Secretary, . . . . .	4 27	6 00

Sharon, D. Gould, Treasurer,	1 60	
South Britain, Female, Mrs. Eliza J. Canfield, Treasurer,	2 81	
Southbury,	4 70	
N. YOR.—Acushogue, L. I., John W. Woodhull, Secretary, (for. dia.)	8 13	
Bedford, West-Chester Co., Mrs. Susan N. Nichols, Treasurer,	1 33	
Berea, in Montgomery, Female,	5 08	
Bridgehampton, L. I., Rev. Amos Francis, President,	2 95	
Bushwick,	2 65	
Canterbury, Orange Co., Peter Roe, Treasurer,	3 92	
Catskill, Edgar B. Day, Esq., Treasurer,	29 50	5 00
Cazenovia,	7 00	
Chemango, Broome Co., Rev. Peter Lockwood, Secretary,	5 93	
Chester, Orange Co., John B. Fish, President,	7 37	
Columbia Village, in Madrid,	2 93	4 00
Comac, in Huntington, L. I., John A. Wicks, Treasurer,	3 34	
Courtland Town, West-Chester Co., Rev. Robert Kirkwood, Secretary,	6 13	
Cutchogue, L. I., Rev. Ezra Youngs, Treasurer,	11 60	
East-Hampton, L. I., Rev. J. D. Condit, Agent,	14 00	4 00
Elmira, (Tioga Co. Aux. Western District) Rev. G. Barton, Secretary,	2 25	
Do. do. (for. dia.)	3 09	
Platbush, Ulster Co., Solomon Hendricks, Secretary,	5 50	
Platt-Lands, L. I., Female, Mrs. Williamson, Treasurer,	8 50	
Pine Place, L. I., David Homan, Jun., Secretary,	2 25	
Piskil Landing, Female, Miss M. W. Teller,	2 13	
Pulton, Oswego Co., Peter M. Brost, Treasurer,	2 40	
Gravesend, L. I., Female, Mrs. S. G. Stryker, Treasurer,	8 40	12 00
Greenburgh, West-Chester Co., Female, Mrs. Sarah Ann Martine, Sec.	5 24	
Greensport, L. I., Dr. William Preston, Secretary,	6 64	
Do. (for. dia.)	4 27	1 00
Hartwick and Fly Creek, Albert North, Treasurer,	7 00	35 00
Horse Heads, Tioga Co., Susan Gardner, Secretary,	1 50	
Jamaica, L. I., James Hider,	2 80	3 51
Jamesstown, Female, Mrs. Rebecca H. Harvey, Secretary,	3 19	
Manheim, Herkimer Co., Jacob Markell, Treasurer,	125 04	
Marlborough, Ulster Co.,	5 50	
Mattituck, L. I., James W. Reeve, Secretary,	20 00	
Monroe, Orange Co., George M. Newman, Treasurer,	98 00	
New-York City, Alfred Edwards, Treasurer,	2 00	
Do. by Female Branch, Mrs. E. B. Lethbridge, Treasurer,	1 00	
New- Windsor, Orange Co., Rev. James H. Thomas, Treasurer,	100 00	
Oswego, J. Cooley, Treasurer,	6 00	
Owogo, (Tioga Co. Aux.) East Jury District, Col. C. B. Pixley, Treas.	7 08	
Patterson, Female, Miss Elizabeth Hayt, Treasurer,	6 66	10 47
Richland,	5 11	3 00
Rochester, Monroe Co., Levi A. Ward, Treasurer,	3 07	
Do. Ulster Co., Female, Miss Elizabeth Bevier, Secretary,	71 00	
Rye, Female, Miss Susan Duggett, Secretary,	5 62	
Scienceville, Female, Harriet Morse, Treasurer,	1 86	
Southold, L. I., Elsie Horton, Secretary,	5 05	
South-Salem, West-Chester Co., Rev. S. Saunders, Secretary,	2 38	
Stillwater, Samuel G. Eddy, Secretary,	5 00	
Tarry Town, William Dutcher, Treasurer,	6 75	
Utica, Edward Vernon, Secretary,	1 06	
West Lodi, Joseph Plumb, Treasurer,	5 05	5 00
Williamsburgh, Mr. Meserole, Treasurer,	2 00	
Yorktown, Simeon B. Johnson, Treasurer,	71 00	
N. JER.—Boundbrook,	9 31	
Caldwell, Female, Mrs. Provost, Treasurer,	67	
Chester, Morris Co., A. Williamson, Agent,	13 82	
Freehold, Female, Mrs. Sarah Roy, Treasurer,	6 00	6 50
Hacketstown, Female,	10 62	
Morristown, J. L. Allen, Treasurer,	6 50	
Newark, Female, Mrs. Sarah M. Graham, Treasurer,	25 35	
New-Vernon, Rev. U. Maynard, Agent,	5 20	
Princeton, Female, Miss F. W. Morford, Treasurer,	92 32	
Readingtown, (North Branch),	128 41	
Somerville, Female, Ann M. Griffith, Treasurer,	40 00	2 73
Westfield, Female, Miss Mary Pierson, Secretary,	4 00	2 00
PENN.—Honesdale, Solomon Z. Lord, Treasurer,	35 95	
Mercer, (Mercer Co. Aux.) William Stewart, Secretary,	2 00	4 00
Mount Pleasant, Wayne Co., Eldad Atwater, Treasurer,		
Philadelphia Branch, James Moore, General Agent,		
Pittsburgh, Rev. Robert Patterson, Agent,		
VIR.—Lexington,		
Flisab, Bedford Co.,		
St. George's Parish, Accomack Co., Mrs. Maria S. Joyes, Treasurer,		
Winchester, Daniel Gold, Treasurer,		
Do. by their Aux. Gerard's Town, Berkely Co.,		
OHIO.—Athens, Athens Co., Joseph B. Miles, Secretary,		

# RECEIPTS.

163

IND.—China, (for. dis.)		4 00
Madison, Indiana Branch, Rev. Moses H. Wilder, Cor. Sec.	1 00	
SOCIETIES NOT AUXILIARY.		
N. YORK.—Ballstown Springs Tract Society, J. N. Beach, Treasurer,	6 92	
Big Flat Tract Society, Nathan Reynolds, Secretary,	19 84	
Candor Tract Society, Asa North, Secretary,	16 89	
Do. do. (for. dis.)		80 56
Catlin Tract Society, J. P. Cornell, Secretary,	4 92	
Caroline Tract Society, John Perry, Secretary,	11 50	
Danby Tract Society, James Wilson, Secretary,	7 00	
Do. (for. dis.)		7 00
Dryden Tract Society. (for. dis.)		11 00
East-Groton Tract Society, Ira Riggs, Secretary,	4 00	
Do. do. (for. dis.)		8 10
Havannah Tract Society, David Goodrich, Secretary,	5 60	
Do. do. (for. dis.)		2 93
Hopkinton, St. Lawrence Co.	4 48	
Lower Greenburgh Tract Society, Samuel Kniffin, Treasurer,	1 80	
Moravia, Cayuga Co., Mrs. Rogers, Treasurer,	8 00	
Newark Tract Society,	9 65	
Do. do. (for. dis.)		15 00
Nichols Tract Society, Mrs. Phebe Pettis, Secretary,	6 95	
Do. do. (for. dis.)		2 05
Richford Tract Society, H. F. Wells, Secretary,	11 00	
Do. do. (for. dis.)		1 00
South-Groton Tract Society, A. Higgins, Secretary,	6 06	
Do. do. (for. dis.)		1 12
Spencer, Female Tract Society, Mrs. Sarah Ann Hall,	12 80	
Do. do. (for. dis.)		8 43
Tioga Tract Society, James J. Brinckerhoff, Secretary,	2 60	
West-Groton Tract Society, A. Schwider, Secretary,	3 37	
West-Newark Tract Society,	5 20	
Do. do. (for. dis.)		2 00
PENN.—Philadelphia, First Presb. Church, Fem. Tr. Soc., Mrs. C. M. Donald.		41 62
Do. Youth's Tract Society, John Sparhawk, Secretary,	5 00	
Warren, Bradford Co., Tract Society, Alexander Dewing, Secretary,	2 11	
OHIO.—Concord Tract Society. (for. dis.)		8 12
Mount Pleasant Tract Society,	2 25	
Union, Ross Co., Tract Society,	6 06	
Tracts sold at the Depository to individuals, (including \$188 79 from Traveling Agents,)	723 52	

## Directors for Life.

N. YORK.—East-Hampton, L. I. Rev. Joseph D. Goudit, by his church and cong. (for. dis.)	50 00
New-York City, Rev. William Jackson, by individuals, through Chr. Benev. Soc. St. Stephen's ch.	50 00
Southampton, L. I., Rev. Dan. Beers, by his church and cong. in (full of \$50.)	30 00
N. JER.—Bottle Hill, Rev. Clifford Ames, by his church and cong.	50 00
KEN.—Lexington, Rev. Nathan H. Hall, by ladies of 1st Presb. Ch.	50 00

## Members for Life.

MAINE.—Hallowell, John A. Vaughan,	25 00
CONN.—New-Canaan, Mrs. Abigail B. Devesport, by her father.	20 00
N. YORK.—Canterbury, Rev. James H. Thomas, by Fragment Society, Cutchogue, L. I. Rev. Ezra Youngs, by his church and cong.	20 00
Geneseo, Livingston Co., Rev. J. C. Lord, by ladies of his ch. and cong.	21 61
Ghent, Peter S. Wynkoop, (in part of \$20.)	20 00
Gilbertsville, Otsego Co. Miss Catharine W. Gilbert, (for. dis.)	10 25
Holland Patent, in Trenton, Rev. Stephen W. Burritt, by his church and cong.	20 00
	21 85

Middle District, L. I., Rev. Thineas Robinson, by church and cong.	20 00
Extra Hallock, (for. dis.)	20 00
New-York City, Mrs. Rev. O. Eastman, by her husband,	20 00
Owego, Tioga Co., Antoinette Pompelly, by her father, William Pompelly, (in part of \$20.) (for. dis.)	15 00
Mrs. Deborah Williams, by the Presb. Church,	20 00
Rensselaerville, Rev. Erasmus N. Nichols, by 2d Presb. Ch. Rome,	20 00
Riverhead, L. I., Rev. Nehemiah B. Cook, by Presbyterian Society, (for. dis.)	26 78
Rome, Daniel Waterman,	20 00
Scipio Square, Uriah Benedict, by his son, Rev. Wm. U. Benedict, Agent,	20 00
Shelter Island, L. I., Rev. Daniel M. Lord, by his church and congregation, (for. dis.)	32 12
Southampton, L. I., Mrs. Sophia Beers, by Presb. ch. and cong.	20 00
Southold, Rev. Jonathan Huntington, by Presb. Society, Oyster Ponds, (for. dis.)	20 00
Trenton, Rev. Rufus R. Demming, by his church,	20 00
Utica, Abraham Varick, Esq.,	25 00
Mrs. Hester Seymour, by Mr. A. Seymour,	20 00
N. JER.—Morristown, John Mills Johnson, by his father, F. A. Johnson, (for. dis.)	20 00
Richard Paul Johnson, by his father, P. A. Johnson, (for. dis.)	20 00



Newfoundland, Rev. Geo. Kanouse, by his church and cong. (in part of \$20.)

VIR.—Liberty P. O. Bedford Co., John W. Holt, (in part of \$20.)

Rough Creek P. O. Charlotte Co., H. Marshall.

South-Concord, Cong. Charlotte Co., John W. Marshall.

OHIO.—Greenfield, Rev. Samuel Crothers, by his church and cong., (for dis.)

Hudson, Portage Co., Heman Oviatt, Esq.

Muddy Run, Rev. Robert G. Linn, (for dis.)

Piqua, Rev. James Cos, by his church and cong. (for dis.)

Salem, Rev. James H. Dicksy, by his church and cong.

Troy, Rev. James Harrison, by his ch. and cong. (for dis.)

#### Annual Members.

VIR.—Otter Bridge P. O., Bedford Co., Mrs. Julia Clayton.

Piqua Cong., Otter Bridge P. O., Bedford Co., Miss Martha D. Mitchell.

Miss Catharine Mitchell.

Miss Polly Ferris.

Miss Maria Fiqua.

Miss James Mitchell.

#### Other Donations.

VER.—Georgia, Miss Polly Blatchley.

CONN.—Canaan, Children in Hood District, by Rev. H. H. Woodbridge.

Winchester, a Friend to Tract Societies.

N. YORK.—Paid Rev. Erastus N. Nichols for preaching.

Collected by John H. Readington, Theol. Sem., Auburn.

Do. C. P. Bailey.

Do. William M. Richards.

Bridgehampton, L. I., ch. and cong. collection, (for dis.)

Dryden, a Youth, (for China.)

Greenburgh, a Friend.

Horse Heads, Tioga Co., church and cong. of Rev. Elhan Pratt, (for dis.)

Ithaca, Ref. Dutch Church.

New-York City, a Friend.

St. Stephen's Church.

Owego, Tioga Co., Mrs. Carter, for Mo. Dis. in Rev. E. O. Hovey's cong., Fountain Co. Ind.

Do. do. Presb. church and cong., (Rev. Mr. White's.)

Prattsburgh, Mrs. A. Bridges, (on her death bed, for the Karens.)

Princeton, collection in Presb. Church, Rochester, Monroe Co., Mrs. Julia Wisner.

Rome, Second Presb. Church, collection.

Sag Harbor, Presb. church and cong. collection, (for dis.)

Schoigticoke, Presb. Church.

Southampton, L. I., a Friend.

Upper Aqueduct, Congregational Church, (for dis.)

Utica, S. D. Dakin, Esq.

Do. Sylvester Aylsworth, (for China.)

Do. First Presb. Church.

Do. Second Presb. Church.

West Greenfield Presb. Church.

N. JER.—Amwell, Second Church.

Bottle Hill, church and cong.

Flemington, Hunterdon Co., individ's for Hill, congregation.

German Valley Congregation.

Morris Co., an Elder, (for the Heathen)

Princeton, from students Theol. Sem., collected on resolution.

Somerville, Thomas Talmage.

PENN.—Brownsville, Mrs. R. McKee.

Canaan, Wayne Co., Mrs. Amaziah Hall.

Lawrenceville, Tioga Co., Mrs. M. Hudson \$2, Mrs. W. Ford \$1, (for dis.)

VIR.—Bethel Cong., Bedford Co., Nancy Harris 50 cents, J. B. Campbell 25 cents, J. Fuqua 25 cents, J. Otey \$1, Mrs. P. Otey \$1, Miss M. Otey 6 cents, Miss E. Otey 6 cents, Mrs. M. Beard 50 cents, Mrs. E. Thomas 25 cents, Mrs. M. Ewing 18 cents, Miss E. Ewing 25 cents, Mrs. E. Moseley \$1, other individuals \$2.

Lexington, Rockbridge Co., William D. Holt.

Cash.

Old and Little Concord, cong.

Piqua Cong., Otter Bridge P. O., Bedford Co., Miss Susan Mitchell.

Rough Creek, Bedford Co. Cong., R. E. Armstead, (for China.)

Do. Mrs. Mrs. C. Armstead 50 cts., Mrs. Jane Marshall \$2, Sarah Madison 50 cents, Ann S. Chatham 50 cents, O. Chatham 25 cents, Mrs. Turner 25 cents, Mrs. Madison \$2, J. P. Cardwell 25 cents, W. S. Pantecost 25 cents, D. Rice 50 cents, S. Fuqua 25 cents.

AL.—Whitesburg, Madison Co., Mrs. Elizabeth Gardiner.

Mrs. Anne Bell.

OHIO.—Adelphi, Cash.

Atwater, Portage Co., Presb. Cong. (for dis.)

Bainbridge, Individuals.

Dayton, Presb. ch. and cong. (for dis.)

Ellsworth, Trumbull Co. Presb. Cong. (for dis.)

Franklin, Portage Co., Presb. Cong. (for dis.)

Hudson, Portage Co., Rev. Ansel R. Clark \$2, Frederick Brown \$2, Oliver Brown \$1, Benjamin Olivatt \$1, William Thompson \$1.

Nelson, Portage Co., Individuals.

Old Town, Ross Co., R. C. Galbraith.

Ravenna, Portage Co., Presb. Cong. (for dis.)

Salem, Judge Maltbey.

Tallmadge, Portage Co. Eliza Wright, Esq.

ILL.—Mount Zion Church, Macon Co. (for China.)

Silver Creek Church, (for China.)

The above list contains donations—  
For the Valley of the Mississippi, \$26 00  
For Foreign Distribution, (including \$5 for Burmah, \$14 75 for China,) 689 00

Whole amount of donations, 1,334 32  
Received for Tracts sold, 2,303 50

Total, \$4,238 32

